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LAW OF THE SEA

THE International diplomatic conference on the law of the sea, which opens today in Geneva under U.N. auspices, has assumed greater importance as a result of recent controversial gestures, notably by Indonesia which sought to enclose as internal waters the seas between the widely scattered islands of the Republic.

The International Law Commission, on whose recommendation the U.N. has convened the conference, grappled with a number of questions of great interest to the maritime Powers in preparing the draft code, but, in face of differing views, it still has been unable to propose any specific limit for international waters.

The British Government, in a series of comments to the Commission, pointed out that it is of prime importance to safeguard the freedom of the high seas to all users while at the same time guaranteeing to coastal States the maximum security and economic protection consonant with that prime objective.

Much Debated

THE question of territorial waters has been debated since at least the 16th century, generally as a corollary to the problem of ensuring that the widest possible freedom of the high seas be maintained for all shipping.

In the interests of the freedom of the sea, the three-mile limit should be adopted, it being the only uniform limit to have received a wide measure of recognition. The adoption of a wider limit would mean that a number of international straits would be in danger of becoming territorial waters.

Another controversial issue is the claim of land-locked States to access to the sea. Most such countries, in practice, have treaties or understandings with their immediate neighbours by which such access and rights to navigate the neighbours' territorial waters are secured.

No Unanimity

THE question has already been discussed by a committee of five, but there was no unanimity. Nepal, Bolivia and Czechoslovakia have advanced the view that existing agreements and the practice under them amount collectively to recognition of an obligation in courtesy to facilitate access to the sea for all land-locked States. They argue that this convention of courtesy ought now to be given the protection of a formal rule of law.

Austria and Switzerland, the other members of the committee, have declared that they will not be bound by any of the recommendations resulting from the discussions of the committee.

Other land-locked countries—Afghanistan, Byelo-Russia, Hungary, Laos, Luxembourg, Paraguay, San Marino, and the Vatican City—will, today, join the committee of five and the maritime Powers in conference. On the access to the sea issue, as well as on the territorial waters question, there are certain to be wide divergences of opinion during the two-month deliberations at Geneva. On practical grounds, uniformity is less

MACMILLAN BACKS LLOYD

Not To Replace Foreign Office Head

London, Feb. 23.

Mr Harold Macmillan declared in a television interview tonight that he did not intend to replace Mr Selwyn Lloyd as Foreign Secretary "as a result of pressure."

The Prime Minister had been asked by Independent (commercial) Television interviewer, Robin Day, to comment on press forecasts that Mr Lloyd would be replaced.

He replied that Mr Lloyd had been a "very good" Foreign Secretary who had done his work "extremely well."

Loyalty

Mr Macmillan added: "If I did not think so, I would have made a change."

He then said of the press reports: "I do not intend to make a change as a result of pressure. That is not my idea of loyalty."

Asked about a report that Mr Lloyd would give up the responsibility of being Foreign Secretary, the Prime Minister said: "Not at all, except that everyone would like to give up these appalling burdens."

Mr Macmillan then admitted that he, too, "in a sense" would like to give up the burden of office.

Summit Talks

He declared: "They are very heavy burdens. We have gone into this game, we try to do our best. It is in a sense our pleasure and, of course, our duty."

Answering another question, the Prime Minister said he hoped there would be "summit talks" this year.

Asked whether there should be a General Election in Britain before "summit talks," Mr Macmillan smiled and said he did not think it was a good idea.

The first thing, he declared, was to have the "summit talks." These comments followed an assertion by the interviewer, Robin Day, that at the recent by-election in Rochdale, 80 per cent of the voters cast votes for parties which believed Britain should renounce the hydrogen bomb.

Concerned

The Prime Minister said he was concerned about the Rochdale vote. It was "very important," but the people must understand the issues.

He believed the "way we were proceeding now" towards summit talks and controlled disarmament was the right approach.

Questioned earlier in the interview about why Britain needed the hydrogen bomb, Mr Macmillan said the country's independent contribution towards the nuclear deterrent gave it a better position in the world and in relation to the United States.

Sudden Attack

The interviewer asked Mr Macmillan about a recent Government White Paper on defence which said Britain would hit back with nuclear weapons, even if attacked by conventional arms.

The Prime Minister answered: "If there were a sudden attack on us by nuclear weapons, the West must retaliate by nuclear weapons."

"If there were a conventional attack, a border incident, of course, you would not answer that with a full nuclear attack," the Prime Minister replied. "The Prime Minister then referred to Mr Macmillan's great reception in India during his recent Commonwealth tour although, the Indian Government, was opposed to British foreign policy."

TENSION ON BORDER AREA

Khartoum, Feb. 23.

The Sudanese Premier, Mr Abdullah Khalil, said here tonight that a Sudanese advance post had today sighted about a company of Egyptian troops in a "distant part" of the border area claimed by both countries.

Mr Khalil told a Reuters correspondent no action had been taken by Sudanese troops.

A MESSAGE

"Since armed Egyptian forces have entered Sudanese territory despite all that has been said in the last two days, a message is being sent to Sudan's representative at the United Nations with instructions to request the Security Council to resume its meeting on the Egypt-Sudanese dispute," he added.

"There is no question at the moment of withdrawing any of the troops we have sent to the border area."

He said a commission would arrange for men to vote on the spot in the Sudan general elections on Thursday.—Reuters.

Bombing Was Very 'Effective'

London, Feb. 23.

Mr P. Makattia, European representative of the Sumatra rebel regime, told A.P.F. today that he had been informed by the Indonesian Rebel Government at Bukit Tinggi that the bombing yesterday of the Bukit Tinggi and Padang radio stations by Djakarta air force had been "very effective."

He confirmed that both stations were now off the air. "There is evidence," Makattia added, "that the Djakarta bombers are manned by Soviet crews."

He commented that the people most opposed to having the H-bomb were those who were also most anxious for Britain not to be subservient to the United States.

Cancelled

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has cancelled plans to visit seven South American countries this year because of the tense East-West situation, it was announced today.—United Press.

Cypriot Turks Demonstrate In London

London, Feb. 23.

Some 8,000 Cypriot Turks, joined by 500 Pakistanis today, marched through the streets of London with banners and signs demanding the partition of the strife-ridden island.

ELECTIONS IN ARGENTINA VERY QUIET

Buenos Aires, Feb. 23.

Leftist Dr Arturo Frondizi, backed by a coalition including supporters of former dictator Juan D. Peron, tonight took a growing lead in Argentina's first fully free election in 30 years.

Unofficial returns from around the country gave Dr Frondizi 80,273 votes to 57,009 for his nearest rival, Dr Ricardo Balbin, a middle-road candidate.

Frondizi and Balbin, both attorneys, and personal friends and the candidates of rival factions of the Radical Party. It was estimated that 10 million votes would be cast.

A large crowd gathered in Buenos Aires in front of the offices of the newspaper La Prensa and cheered as each new Frondizi return was put on a bulletin board on the building.

RIOT POLICE

Truckloads of riot police were standing-by, but the city was relatively quiet with no violence.

More than 70,000 soldiers, crisscrossed and armed guard 51,000 polling places around the country. It was the first really free election in Argentina since 1928 and the voters turned out early.

There were 13 Presidential candidates, but all signs pointed to a race between only Frondizi and Balbin. Conservatives withdrew—scattered—votes.—United Press.

REPUBLICANS CHIDE TRUMAN FOR 'UNTRUTHFUL' SPEECH

Washington, Feb. 23.

Republican leaders unleashed a counter-attack of massive proportions today against former President Truman and his denunciation of the Eisenhower administration.

Led by the Republican Party National Chairman, Wendell Willkie, they accused Mr Truman of a "typical Truman chaplain... wild and reckless charges... petty criticism... dime-a-dance oratory."

Replying to Mr Truman's Saturday night attack, the Republicans charged him with making a "red herring and uttering 'typical Truman chaplain... wild and reckless charges... petty criticism... dime-a-dance oratory.'"

Many chided the former Democratic President for making his "untruthful" speech on the birthday of George Washington, "the man who never told a lie."

All Defended

All defended President Eisenhower's defence, domestic and foreign policies. Most compared economic conditions in the past Roosevelt and Truman administrations unfavourably with conditions even in the current business slump.

The Truman-Republican exchanges marked the high point of political activity to date in this Congressional election year.

The former President made his attack on President Eisenhower and the Republican administration at a \$100-a-plate Democratic fund-raising dinner here last night.

In a "give 'em hell" mood, Mr Truman accused the administration of leading the nation into a "Republican recession" that threatened economic disaster, of weakening US defences and damaging the free world alliance in its handling of foreign policy.—United Press.

Three of them, led by Noell Sager, Director of the Association of Cypriot Turks, delivered a petition to the Prime Minister's residence.

Russia Explodes Nuclear Device In Arctic Zone

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

Japanese scientists said today that Russia's latest nuclear weapons test — first detected in Japan and confirmed by the United States — was exploded in the Soviet Arctic Zone.

GENERALS AGAINST IRBMs IN GERMANY

Bonn, Feb. 23.

High-ranking NATO Generals have voted against the stationing of Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missiles in Western Germany, authoritative military sources disclosed here today.

In expert opinions submitted to the Supreme Allied Commander, General Lauris M. Norstad, these Generals instead proposed the setting up of launching sites for such missiles in Britain, Turkey, and the French and Italian Alps.

Their action, General Norstad was given in individual, separate military studies at the request of the Supreme Allied Commander.

The sources declined to disclose the names of the Generals but said most of them were members of the staff of General Norstad's SHAPE headquarters. German, French and Dutch officers were said to be among them.—United Press.

CELEBES BATTALION DESERTS

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

A company of a well-known Army battalion in North Celebes has deserted in protest against their District Commander's allegiance to the Revolutionary Government, the Antara news agency reported today.

The Indonesian news agency said, according to a report from Manado reaching Djakarta on Sunday the soldiers deserted a few days ago.

Antara said the Information Officer of the inter-regional military command of East Indonesia in Makassar officially confirmed the Manado report but declined to give any further comment.

WORLAND

The deserting company was identified as belonging to the Army's 702nd Battalion. The battalion, renowned under the name of "Worland" rendered great services to the Indonesian Republic in spearheading the occupation of South Celebes and later in the operations against the self-styled Republic of South Moluccas.

They left a note to their battalion commander saying they were deserting because they did not approve the policy of the North Celebes Military Commander, Lieut-Colonel J. Somba in supporting the Revolutionary Government in Central Sumatra.

The soldiers further said, the report added, they did not want to be dragged into a plot "betraying" the Chief of State and the "illegal" Government of Indonesia.—United Press.

CIVIL SUIT AGAINST FAROUK

Rome, Feb. 23.

Ex-King Farouk of Egypt is scheduled to face a civil suit here soon on charges that he failed to pay a famous Roman jeweller for two "extremely valuable" snuff boxes that once belonged to Frederick the Great of Prussia.

The suit is being brought against Farouk in the Civil Tribunal by the firm of Giorgio L. S. Bulgari, Florence's most exclusive jeweller.

The firm is charging that Farouk ordered the two jewelled, gold snuff boxes while he was still reigning in Cairo, an initial payment was made, but the remainder amount to "tens of millions of lire" was not, Bulgari alleged.

Farouk, in an earlier declaration to the Magistrate, claimed that the snuff boxes, and the rest of his jewellery, were seized by the revolutionary Egyptian Government after he abdicated in 1952 and that he is not responsible for non-payment. The date of the trial has not yet been fixed.—United Press.

Bus Plunges Into Ravine

Oslo, Feb. 23.

Three passengers were killed and several others seriously injured when a Swedish bus carrying 32 passengers fell nearly 160 feet into a ravine near Minnesund, Norway, this afternoon. The seriously injured were rushed urgently to hospital.

Reports said the Swedish bus plunged into the ravine when it tried to pass a truck on a narrow road.—France-Press.

Chicken's Feet

New York, Feb. 23.

Tracks like those made by chicken's feet have been found and photographed at the bottom of the ocean near the North Pole, the University of Columbia expedition reported today.

Photographs taken on the expedition's first day, but was unable to explain how or why these tracks were made.—France-Press.

CHURCHILL HAS NO DOCTORS IN ATTENDANCE

Monaco, Feb. 23.

Sir Winston Churchill has so successfully recovered from his attack of pleurisy and pneumonia today, that for the first time since he fell ill early last week, there was no doctor in attendance this afternoon.

This morning the arrival of an unidentified visitor at the Villa La Pause, where Churchill is staying, set off rumours of a relapse until it was discovered that he was a laboratory assistant from Nice.

Analyses

The 83-year-old British wartime leader had undergone a series of tests and analyses and the official health bulletin said he was making satisfactory progress.

This afternoon, Lady Churchill, her daughter Sarah and Dr Moran, Sir Winston's personal physician, went to nearby Menton to watch a local festival. And Dr David M. Roberts left the villa too. Churchill spent the morning reading the papers and was said to be greatly surprised at the importance the world press gave his illness. He also received well-wishers from French President Rene Coty and Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia.

Hesitated

His secretary, Montagu Brown, hesitated a split second during the press conference he gave today, when asked if an electro-cardiogram had been used. He finally said that as usual, he would not answer purely medical questions. Churchill is well-known as a doctor's patient. He follows Lord Moran's orders grudgingly. France-Press.

Motion Pictures

Washington, Feb. 23. —Erich Johnston, President of the Motion Picture Association of America, said today negotiations with Russia would begin next month on an exchange of motion pictures.—United Press.

CAT'S SPECIAL TREATMENT

London, Feb. 23.

"Tabby," a black and white house cat, is a passenger enroute for special treatment aboard the 7,731-ton British steamer Benmore enroute to Singapore.

The pet of Mrs John Cowie, wife of a British Admiralty employee, "Tabby" is travelling alone en-route to join her mistress.

For her fare of just under £14 "Tabby" will have her quarters in the ship's sick bay — not because she's sick, but because skipper D. B. Anderson breeds bulldozers in his cabin.

The ship sails from here today after calling in en-route from Rosyth in Scotland.—United Press.

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COMMUNISTS CLASH WITH 'NEW NAZIS' RIOTING IN ROME: 3 HURT

*Crowd Enraged By
Fascist Salute
At Parade*

Rome, Feb. 23.

Hundreds of police charged with riot clubs today to break up clashes between Communists and Neo-Fascists during a mass demonstration on the Rome Square where Benito Mussolini once harranged his followers.

The fighting broke out as 40,000 persons crowded the Plaza Venezia for a ceremony honouring Italy's wartime anti-Fascist partisans before the ornate tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

One Neo-Fascist Member of Parliament was seriously injured and another Deputy hurt when former Resistance fighters attacked them for giving Fascist salutes and shouting Fascist slogans. A police officer also was injured.

Riot police waded in with swinging clubs to break up scattered fights in the square. They detained some 30 persons for questioning.

The clashes began following a military parade that honoured both Communist and non-Communist partisans of World War II.

Premier Adone Zoli had just finished speaking on the steps of the Victor Emmanuel Monument when Deputy Nine de Totto, a member of the Neo-Fascist MSI party, pushed his way to the front of the crowd.

De Totto, who has a wooden right arm, raised his left arm stiffly in the Fascist salute while dignitaries on the speakers' stand watched in shocked silence.

Former partisans in the crowd around de Totto immediately grabbed the Deputy, pulled him down and began slugging him.

Bloodied

Police pushed through the throng and rescued the bloodied de Totto, but not before he received such a beating that doctors said it would take him almost a month to recover.

De Totto, 33, claimed later he was rendering a stiff-necked salute to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and not in disrespect for the anti-Fascist partisans of the speakers' stand.

Another clash broke out when Giorgio Almirante, a Neo-Fascist deputy and secretary of the MSI party, shouted "Long Live the Republic of Salò"—Mussolini's last Fascist government—and "Down with the Resistance."

Former Resistance fighters attacked him, too, injuring him before police could break up the melee.—United Press.

**LAST-MINUTE
SWITCH IN
CONCERT
PROGRAMME**

Philadelphia, Feb. 23. Emil Gilels, prominent Russian pianist, played a Beethoven Concerto with the Philadelphia Orchestra last night without a rehearsal after changing his programme because of a back ailment.

Gilels, the first prominent Soviet musician to part the Iron Curtain, played Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto in G-Major with the Orchestra at an afternoon concert in the Academy of Music here last Friday.

He was to have repeated the same programme at last night's concert.

Saturday afternoon, Gilels complained of a back ailment which his interpreter described as sciatica. He asked the Orchestra to switch to Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto in C-Minor because he felt it would be less taxing.

The Orchestra agreed immediately and the altered concert went on without a rehearsal or practice session of any kind.

Gilels was the first Soviet musician to appear in the United States since Russia decided to permit its artists to visit the Western world.

His made his American debut in the same concert hall here with the Philadelphia Orchestra in 1956, the first appearance of a Russian musician here in 24 years.—United Press.

RIOTS IN BAGDAD, REPORTS MOSCOW

London, Feb. 23.

Radio Moscow tonight reported mass rioting in Bagdad and other Iraqi towns to protest the nation's membership in the Baghdad Pact and celebrate the birth of the Syrian-Egyptian United Arab Republic.

The Arabic language broadcast from the Russian capital said Iraqi police charged the demonstrators "killing and wounding a number of people." No figures were given.

"Hundreds" of others were said arrested. The report said demonstrators carried placards saying "Long Live The United Arab Republic" and "Down With The Baghdad Pact."

Police and other security forces were reported called out in numbers to quell the demonstrations.—United Press.

Explorer's Radio Comes To Life Again

Rome, Feb. 23.

Signals from the American satellite Explorer, operating on a frequency of 108.03 megacycles, were picked up today by the Rome Centre of Radio Studios and Tests.

The radio transmitter using this frequency was officially reported to have ceased operation 12 days ago when its batteries ran down.

The signals from the transmitter, earlier reported to have stopped, were heard five times today as the satellite related about the earth.

Experts at the centre were much surprised to hear the signals begin again, but were quite certain that it was the 108.03 megacycle transmitter. The only explanation they could offer for the renewal of the signals was the possibility of "automatic recharging" of the mercury batteries on which the transmitter was operating.

They thought this phenomenon, though perfectly possible with this type of battery, would last for a short time only.

The centre, situated seven kilometres from Rome, has followed the progress of the "Explorer" since it was launched last February 1. The transmitter in question ceased on February 11.—France-Press.

Unemployment In The US: Tax Cut Considered?

Washington, Feb. 23.

The Labour Secretary James P. Mitchell said today he believed the Administration would recommend a tax cut if unemployment continues to rise next month.

He said he would favour a tax cut under such circumstances. He added that this view was the consensus of opinion of all members of President Eisenhower's Cabinet.

Simultaneously, the Treasury Secretary, Robert B. Anderson, the President's top adviser on tax legislation, said the Treasury had the question of a tax cut "under constant study and review."

But he said he had not yet prepared any "package" proposal for a tax reduction.

TOTAL OUTPUT

The statements by Mr Mitchell and Mr Anderson came as the Commerce Department reported that the value of the production of goods and services dropped nearly two per cent in the last three months of 1957.

But the Department said the total output for the full year—the so-called gross national product—reached a record \$434,500,000,000. This was five per cent higher than in 1956.

Both Mr Anderson and Mr Mitchell cited what they called "reasonable grounds" or "encouraging things in the economy" as justification for the optimistic business predictions of the President and his top advisers.

Mr Mitchell said on the CBS television programme, "Face the Nation," that he was confident that unemployment would begin to decline next month and that the entire economy would begin an upswing in mid-summer.

He said he would regard a failure of unemployment to decline in March as the signal for further Administration proposals for ending the business slump.

He said he believed one of the Administration's "immediate measures" would be for a tax cut. He declined to say just what sort of reduction he favoured but said any cut should "place additional purchasing power" in the hands of the public.—United Press.

European Free Trade Zone Discussed

Washington, Feb. 23.

The European free trade zone and common market area was one of the important subjects discussed during the visit here last week of Sir Paul Gore-Booth of the British Foreign Office and Treasury experts Sir Leslie Rowan and Sir Edwin Hall, it was learned today.

Officials said it was not an official mission. Sir Paul had wanted to come here for some months as he is under-secretary for economic affairs and head of the American desk at the Foreign Office.

They said he found that Sir Leslie Rowan was about to make the first of his two annual visits here and it was convenient for him to accompany him.

Officials said that Sir Paul, in the course of his talks with State Department officials, had again expressed the British desire for more liberal trade with China.

But he did not ask for any new revision of the COCOM China list. There is no question of the United States studying at present any further revision of the list since it has not been officially asked for.

Officials said that the deputy Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, C. Douglas Dillon and other State Department officials, informally suggested that United States good offices would be appreciated to bring about an agreement of a European free trade area with the common market.—United Press.

Role Of The Press In Unity Of Europe

Vienna, Feb. 23.

Fifty delegates from 14 countries today attended the first session of a European newspaper conference.

Journalists, newspaper proprietors and representatives of international organizations, including the Council of Europe and the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC), were among the delegates.

The conference is a further step towards the establishment of an "Institute of Europe" to seek European unification, which was proposed nearly two years ago by the Mayor of Vienna, Herr Franz Jonas.

During the conference, which will last a week, delegates will discuss the role of the press "in the services of the unity of Europe."—Reuter.

"WHO CAN STOP THIS UNION?"

Lahore, Feb. 23.

Pakistan Premier, Malik Feroz Khan Noon, today welcomed the union of Egypt and Syria and said that Pakistan was bound to give it recognition.

He pointed out that 12 per cent of the people of the two countries voted for it "who can stop this union?"

The Premier who is on a short visit here from Karachi, also welcomed the union of Iraq and Jordan. He is to preside at an important food conference here tomorrow.—France-Press.

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FRESH OUT OF DARTMOOR THE MAN IN THE SETTY CASE THROWS FRESH LIGHT ON THE CENTURY'S HAUNTING MURDER RIDDLE

I can now disclose the missing link in the case of Timothy Evans

PREFACE by London Crime Reporter PERCY HOSKINS: The facts below, given to me by Brian Donald Hume, just released from Dartmoor after serving eight years for being an accessory to the murder of car dealer Stanley Setty, throw considerable light on the classic Christie-Evans controversy. This revolves round the million-to-one theory accepted by the Crown that two stranglers lived at the same time in Christie's macabre house in Notting Hill. The one unexplained factor has always been the sudden retraction by Evans of his thrice-repeated confession of the murder of his wife and child. Now Hume reveals what happened when he was with Evans for 12 days in Brixton Jail.

by DONALD HUME

YES, I told Timothy Evans, "Don't stick your head in a noose." I thought he was stupid to have made all those confessions to the police. I told him to admit nothing in court, to think out his best story and stick to it.

I helped him to sort out his defence story the day before he went before the magistrates.

We met in the hospital ward at the Brixton gaol. I was awaiting trial on the Stanley Setty murder and he was brought there having given himself up to the police.

As far as I remember there were about 24 of us in the ward, all on capital charges or attempted murder or attempted suicide.

I remember the day they first brought him

in. I put him down as a flash boy—he was wearing high buckled shoes, a camel-hair coat. He took the next bed to me in the corner. On that first day we didn't talk much. A bloke doesn't when he first comes in; until the first shock wears off he usually keeps to himself.

But there wasn't much to do in the ward except cleaning the floor and making the beds and half an hour's exercise twice a day—and in the end you start talking about your case to someone.

Then, when he said he'd made two or three confessions I told him what a fool he was to confess. "I've got my own worries," I said, "but I've not got half so

many as you. I've told one story and I'm sticking to it." Talking to Evans I soon decided to myself: "He's a bit of an idiot this boy. He needs some advice."

I kept telling him to pick out the best story for the job and stick to it like I had. "Blame everyone but yourself," I said, and I told him to spend some time in bed at nights thinking it out before it was too late.

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DONALD HUME, PICTURED IN LONDON

Unable to read

AFTER the magistrates' hearing I gave him a bit more advice. He came back to the ward and asked me to read the newspaper reports of the hearing.

It was then I learned for the first time that he couldn't read—he'd been trying to keep it quiet.

I told him he was silly not to have told me before. He could have used that to revoke the statements he had made.

He could have said that the story he had for the court was different from other statements he had made because he couldn't read what the police got down from him.

This was the last advice I gave him. "When you go to the Old Bailey tell them that. And make out you're a lot dumber than you are."

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THE CASBAH IS SO JOLLY

THE Casbah of Algiers is said to be one of the wickedest places in the world. To me it seemed one of the jolliest. It is literally thronged with children fighting, playing, dancing, staring and running, without apparently a care in the world. Indeed it looked as if it was where the piper had come out of the earth.

But apparently, harmless as it may look, it is nothing of the kind, and during the last year no less than two hundred bombs have been discovered there.

So when I visited it, it was considered necessary that I should have a military guard. I said that really I would be quite happy without one but was very sensibly told that while my death was a matter of absolute unimportance the death of a British Member of Parliament would reflect very badly on the security arrangements of Algiers.

Having no answer to this piece of Gallic logic I agreed and our party was made up of myself, the guide, the captain of the military of the Casbah, three young soldiers who never took their tommyguns off my back, a sinister nobody, and at times an exceedingly fat Libyan whose role I never discovered, but with whom I had one of the most unattractive conversations of my life.

He edged up to me and pointed at a little boy, saying "Child." "Yes," I said. He then advised me, in broken English, that in the event of shooting breaking out it would be a wise move to seize a nearby child as "they would not want to kill their own children."

UNSUCCESSFUL

Not quite knowing what to say, I made what I thought was a haughty gesture of disapproval, but it was unsuccessful. He winked at me all the morning, as though we had a secret in common.

The present moment is the best time to visit the Casbah, as it is without tourists of any sort so that nothing is faked and everything is functional.

It seemed to me so labyrinthine with its steep paths—seldom wider than three feet—and its overhanging houses that a whole arsenal could easily have been concealed. But when I suggested this to the captain he scornfully told me that everyone in the Casbah knew everything.

As there are 80,000 people there I thought that they must have a busy time keeping up with the news, but could see what he meant about the lack of privacy. Every house apparently harboured three or four families.

Our strange little caravan received many stares but no signs whatever of hostility. As we wended our way up and

LORD LAMBTON, MP looks at the 'wickedest place in the world' now that the tourists are scared away...

down it was impossible to tell where we were. Every street seemed exactly like the last with caves every few yards, lot into the walls in which could be seen dusky young Arabs beating metal or burning nuts and then a shop or so and then another cave with an occasional glimpse into the doorway of a spottish house.

CERTAIN TRADES In fact, but for two streets, the tour might soon have become monotonous. In medieval cities it was the habit of streets to specialise in, and be called after certain trades and so you had the Street of the Tanner, the Butcher, the Ironmonger.

With tourism and the necessity of a satisfying shop every so often, the streets broke up but now momentarily they have recaptured their utility, and with some of their original appearance. And so when we came to the Street of the Butchers it was without alteration or change.

We had to wade our way through carcasses and blood. The other street which we were shown to as the piece de resistance, was the Street of the Women. Along both sides of it sat the most terrible old hardidans to each of whom the cap of the military graciously extended two fingers.

But the real noise started when our military escort appeared. The occupants of the houses all rushed out blowing kisses and waving till the street looked the end of some musical farce. After this spectacle we came out into the town, all shook hands like opposing cricket teams and we went out different ways.

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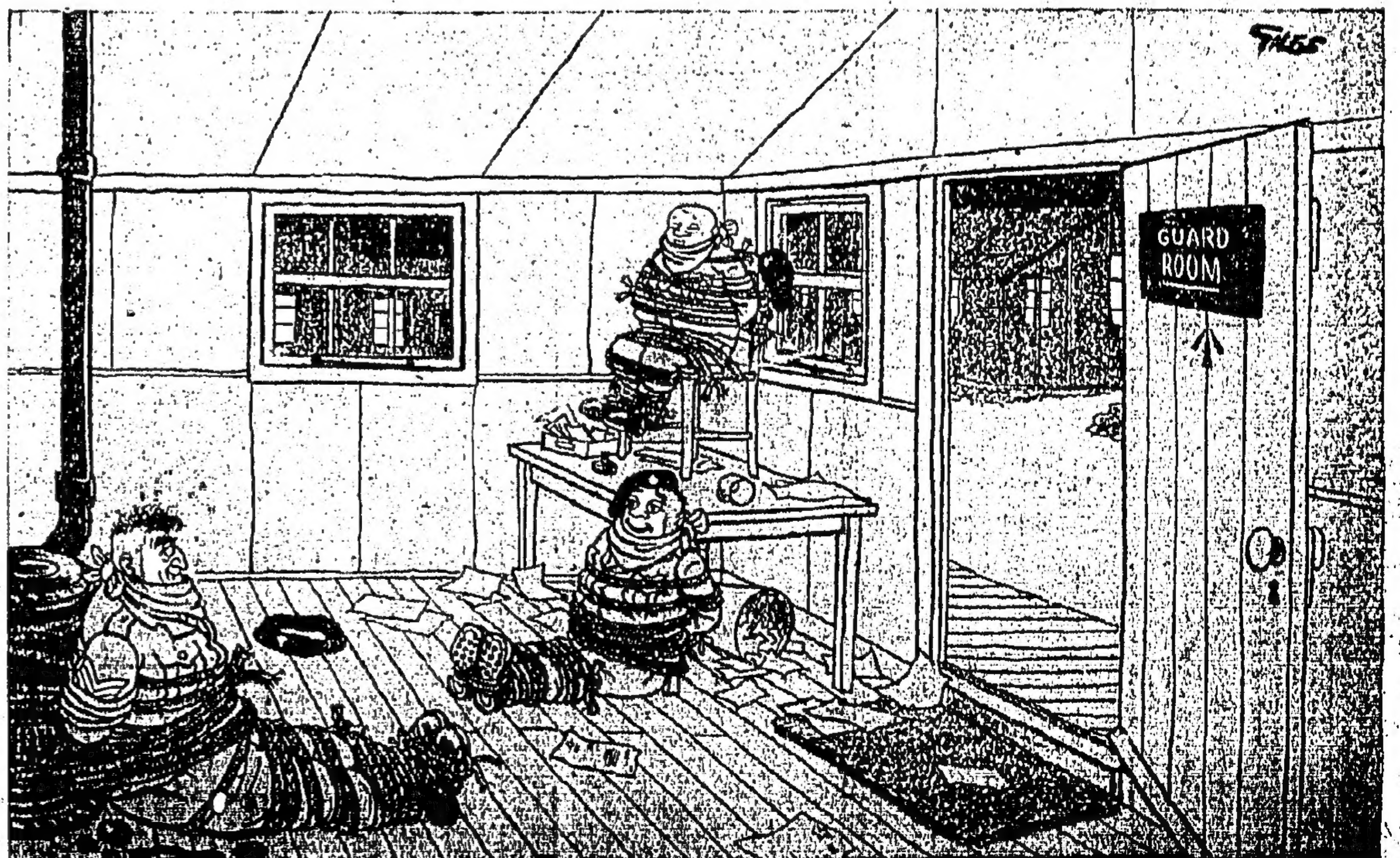
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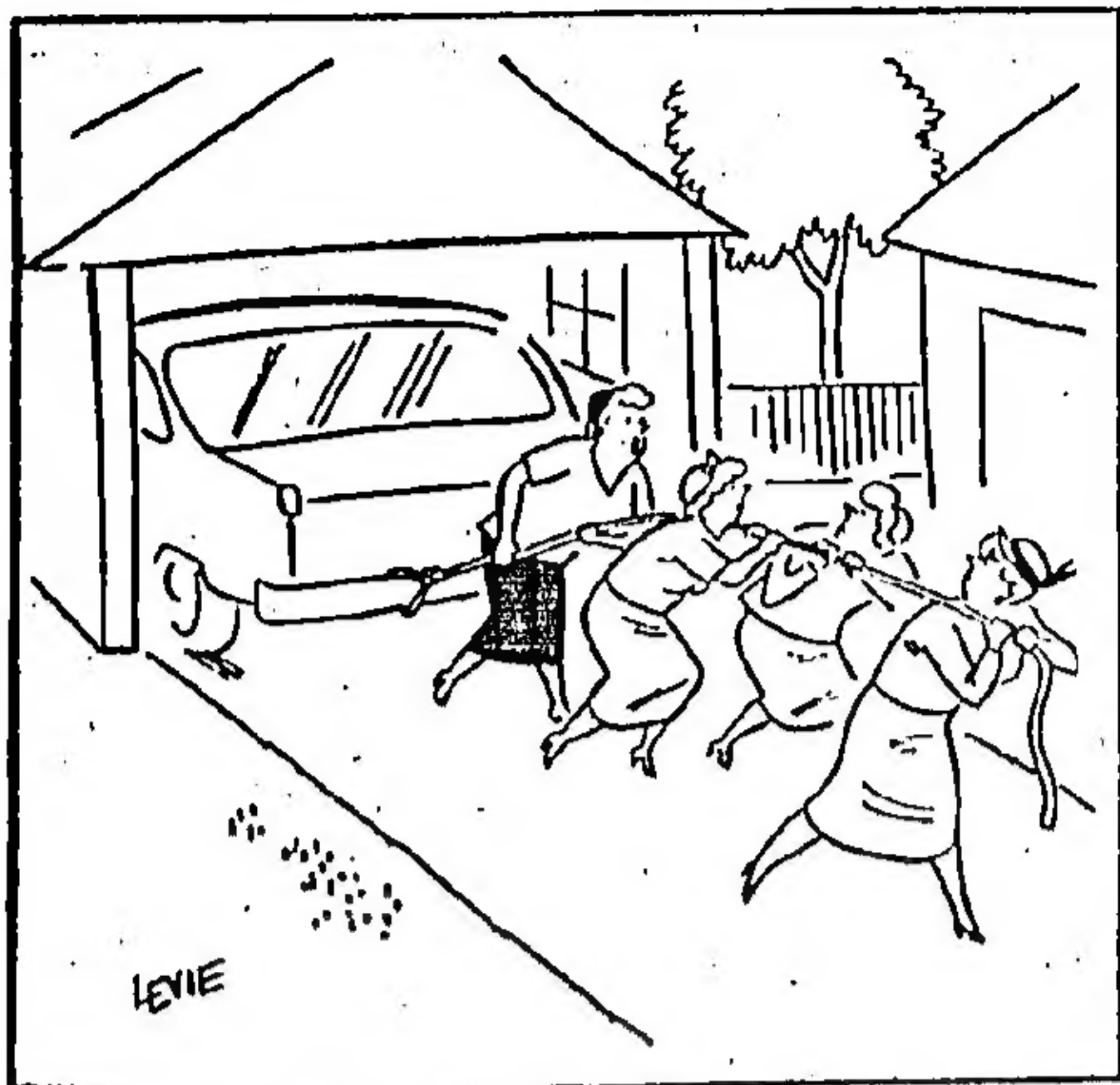
ON SALE AT LEADING STORES

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"I appreciate your feelings, Sarge—trussed up by the I.R.A. and you with a name like Sergeant Pat O'Flanagan."

This Funny World



"Once we get it backed out it'll be smooth sailing."

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

THE description of a dress which gives a hint of the knoop at cocktail time is obviously the last refinement of smart living. But it must be no more than a hint: a soupcon of dimpled kneecap peeping out below the sack.

The girl who parades a brace of bulbous kneecaps lacks that subtlety which turns the heads of the men. And kneecaps, even worn with sophistication, suggest that the wearer is hiding some blemish, a mottled kneecap, perhaps, or an unsightly pimple. Rather a jolly idea is to stain the kneecaps the same colour as the toenails.

Dagger in the Dark (2)

Wakelin, alias Shuntik, threaded his way through the unsavoury crowd, a solo-pang dancing girl, emerging from a horrible taverna made a signal to a Malay hunchback in a doorway, and began to follow the English agent. She failed to notice that a Chinese beggar was watching her, and kept her in sight as he slunk along. Behind him, at a safe distance, an Indian sailor walked. He, in turn, was shadowed by a Portuguese cook in a check shirt and dirty dungarees, who was being unostentatiously tracked by a one-legged Arab. As this preposterous queue moved along, it was joined by several other unsightly creatures. Bringing up the rear was a Burmese fisherman, who could hardly believe his good luck when he saw that nobody was after him. But at that moment a voice said in his ear, "Ooba Pawan," or words to that effect. He nodded assent.

In passing

If the Boche is really dissatisfied with the fighting value of the markedly allowance of English troops we make

JACOBY
ON BRIDGERight Bridge
Technique Pays

BY OSWALD JACOBY

DICK FREEMAN of Washington, D.C., is another top player who is still well on the younger side of 30.

He took a full 10 seconds, which for him is prolonged study, before playing to trick one. Then he went up with dummy's ace of diamonds, led a heart and finessed his queen.

When that card held he played the ace of clubs and a low club and finessed dummy's nine. From then on the hand was easy. He took the king of clubs, finessed hearts a second time, played the ace of hearts and one club and wound up with three heart, four clubs and

NORTH		3	
♠ A J 9 4			
♥ 8 6 5			
♦ A 6 2			
♣ K 9 3			
WEST	EAST		
♠ 8 2	♠ K Q 10 6		
♥ 7 3	♥ K 10 8 4 2		
♦ Q J 10 8 4	♦ 9 5 3		
♣ Q 10 8 2	♣ 8		
SOUTH (D)			
♠ 7 5 3			
♥ A Q J			
♦ K 7			
♣ A J 7 5 4			
Both vulnerable			
South	West	North East	
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 N.T.	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♦ Q			

the other two aces for the needed nine tricks. The king of diamonds supplied an over-trick.

Why did Dick play the hand that way? No, he had not seen the East and West cards. He simply gave it the right technical play.

He needed seven tricks in hearts and clubs. If he could get three in hearts he could get four in clubs. Hence, he tried the heart finesse first. When it worked he needed four club tricks only. The way he played the clubs was a safety play designed to ensure four club tricks. If clubs broke three two he had no problem. If West showed out on the second club lead he would have gone up with dummy's king and led the third club from dummy.

If the heart finesse had lost Dick would have played for five club tricks by the normal method of finessing against East.

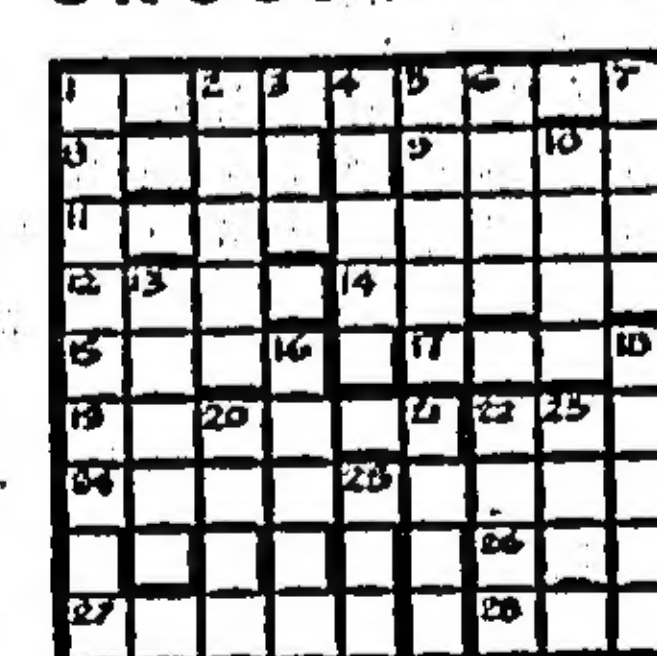
What if East held the club queen and West the heart king and West had ducked the first heart lead? Dick would have lost the hand whereas simple play would have made it. Dick was willing to pay off to that fine defence but he did not expect it.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West 1 ♠ Double 2 ♠ You, South, hold: ♠ A K 7 6 5 ♦ Q 8 6 3 2 ♣ 6 5 What do you do? A—Bid four hearts. You want to try to shut the opponents out, and also there is a good chance that your partner can make the game.

TODAY'S QUESTION
West and North pass and East bids four spades. What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

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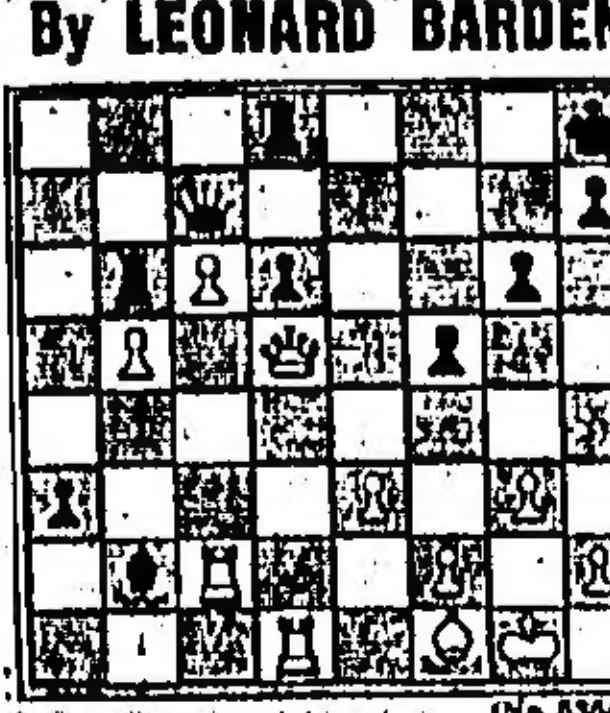
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- People of similar appellation. (9)
 - Small. (4)
 - Proclamation. (5)
 - Old Napoleon. (15)
 - Indoor heated inhabitants? (14)
 - Lower-order soldiers. (6)
 - Notable family name. (8)
 - Notable actor. (4)
 - Whimsy river. (6)
 - Old in colour. (5)
 - Delicate. (5)

- Down
- Pilled with loathing. (9)
 - Decorations. (5)
 - Decorative. (5)
 - Middle European. (5)
 - Notable family name. (8)
 - Notable actor. (4)
 - Whimsy river. (6)
 - Old in colour. (5)
 - Delicate. (5)
 - Part of the ship's crew. (5)
 - Decorative. (5)
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CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



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WOMANSENSE

Hartnell flirts with Dracula!

BRITAIN'S MOST PUBLICISED
COUTURIER WINDS UP THE
TOP ELEVEN'S SHOW WEEK

THE man who makes those breathtaking ball-dresses for the Queen showed a collection recently that was a kaleidoscope of the London season.

Once more Hartnell's titled and privileged clients can rely on him to dress them up to the nines for the next five months. Debs and duchesses, actresses and heiresses—I could see them all floating across the lawns and through the ball-rooms in the spring sunshine and the summer showers.

But one of his star items was called "Dracula". Robb draws it, far right.

For shopping in that Knightsbridge store (that really is not in Knightsbridge at all): Suits with loose unfitted backs, longish straight skirts, hip-length jackets in navy blue, aquamarine check—only one or two black sheep.

The best of the bunch: Fringes des bois—a suit in crushed strawberrie wool with a fine, almost invisible, check. Its jacket, hip-length and loose and fastened with two buttons at the back.

For Ascot: Lots and lots of lilac—Mr. Hartnell's favourite colour. A lilac chiffon print dress with a harem loop at the front, worn under a full-length chiffon coat. A black and apricot shirt dress with a bloused bodice. With it an outside Breton hat in apricot organdy. By Claude St. Cyr, worn with a tilt in true Duchess of Argyll fashion.

For that Garden Party: A floating, fluttering, appropriately impractical dress and coat in finely tucked and pleated slate blue organza. A lady lilac dress for a lovely young looker—white basically, embroidered with lilac silk bands, sleeves, and worn with a flower-shaped flowers.

For the Party: A really short evening dress, straight and tight in aquamarine crepe,



BUTTON-UP: Black suit with low back buttoning jacket, and matching coat.

embroidered with paillettes, aquamarines, and emerald stones. Another in white—very twentyish, with a bloused top caught at the hips.

White fox
FOR the Ball: Aquamarine again—a straight, slinky dress, embroidered with

aquamarine paillettes, with a mermaid's tail behind. White satin embroidered with china blue, with a jacket trimmed with white fox cuffs. Another in white, embroidered with gold coin-sized rings, straight and simple, appropriately named "Bank Leak."

Other ideas that anybody could wear, even those not caught up with the duchesses and debbys:—

A dog-tooth wool check suit in navy blue and white, with a blouse tying softly in a loose bow at the neck. Jus d'Orange—a delicious squeezed orange wool coat worn over a shantung suit of the same colour.

Tiny toque

THE Claude St. Cyr hats I were very becoming. My favourites: a tiny toque worn to one side of black and white chrysanthemum petals; a sea-shell-shaped hat, shabby, and worn with a slight dip, in shell-pink net with one flattened rose.

Wonderful Hartnell dresses for the season—and let's hope it is a wonderful season for Hartnell.

JOY MATTHEWS



DRAWING BY ROBB

D R A C U L A : A vain lady dress with chiffon but with a dead-o'-night black.

HOME DRESSMAKING

TIPS ON STITCHING VARIOUS FABRIC TYPES

CORRECT stitching is the first step to successful sewing. Such variable factors as tension, stitch lengths, needle sizes, threads and pressure must

be adapted to the type of fabric that is being stitched. With correct equipment, such as needles and thread,

and correct adjustments of tension and stitch length, a perfect sewing job may be achieved even by a beginning seamstress.

With women today stitching everything from nylon to plastic, and from sheers to silicoth, it is necessary to understand the adjustments to make for various fabrics. Here are tips to help achieve perfect stitching.

First Rule

The first rule is always to stitch on a test scrap of fabric. In general, the lighter the fabric, the shorter the stitch and the finer the needle. Heavy fabrics require proportionately longer stitches and heavier needles.

Hard finish, tightly woven fabrics require heavy pressure on the presser bar, while spongy fabrics require lighter pressure.

When testing a scrap of fabric, remember that differences in stitching occur on almost all fabrics. Longwise stitching is the most likely to pucker. Therefore, make tests by stitching on the lengthwise grain. If this stitch is correct, it will also be good on the cross grain and bias.

Fashion Spotlight

Filmy fabrics are much in the fashion spotlight for the current season, and materials such as net, marquisette, chiffon, silk velvets and voiles as well as sheer synthetics are popular sewing choices. Match the thread to the fabric if possible:

stitch thread with silks, nylon or dacron threads with synthetics, and mercerised for cotton. Use a size 9 machine needle and a short stitch length of 15 to 20 stitches to the inch.

Less sheer fabrics such as lawns, tulle, satins and synthetic velvets require a slightly heavier treatment. For these fabrics, select silk or synthetic thread, according to the fabric, or size 80 or 100 cotton. Use a size 11 needle and 12 to 15 stitches to the inch for inside seams. For outside stitching, make 15 to 20 stitches to the inch.

Silk Thread

Fabrics such as gingham, chintz, wool flannel, wool jersey, wool crepe, lightweight satins and cotton velvets are most in demand by the home seamstress. These fabrics require mercerised thread, or silk thread, a size 14 or 16 needle, 12 stitches to the inch for inside seams and 15 to 18 stitches to the inch for outside stitching.

Heavy materials such as couturage and heavy satins require a heavy duty mercerised thread, a size 16 needle, 10 stitches to the inch for inside seams and 12 stitches to the inch for outside stitching.

Very heavy fabrics such as silicoth, canvas and overcoatings require size 30 to 40 cotton thread, a size 18 needle, 8 stitches to the inch for inside seams and 10 stitches to the inch for outside stitching.

Basto Plastics

Plastic fabrics should never be pinned or basted, since the pins might leave holes that would tear. Bastic plastics with transparent tape or paper clips. For sewing, use mercerised or synthetic thread, a size 11 or 14 needle, 10 stitches to the inch for inside seams or 12 stitches to the inch for outside stitching.

On synthetic fabrics, it is wise to run the sewing machine at a slightly slower-than-normal speed to avoid puckering on the lengthwise grain. Remember that the hinged presser foot will allow you to stitch over pins placed crosswise along the seam, saving basting time. Press all seams before crossing with another seam.

With proper attention to sewing technique, even a beginner can turn out perfect stitching.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Chirpie's Story True

—The Grasshopper He Saw WAS Wearing a Red Hat—

By MAX TRELL

"I KNOW you won't believe it when you see it," said Chirpie Sparrow, "but it's really true. Here, let me tell it to you again just as I saw it with my own eyes."

Knarf and Hanid, looking puzzled, waited for Chirpie to repeat what he had just told them.

What he told them was this. As he had been flying over the field and, to his surprise, had seen a Grasshopper wearing a red cap, leading a group of beetles, ants, caterpillars and other small creatures through a patch of grass.

Repeated The Story

Chirpie repeated exactly the same story. "And I'm absolutely sure I did see that Grasshopper wearing a red cap."

Hanid said: "You think he's still in the field, Chirpie?" "Just stay here a moment and I'll see," said Chirpie.

Chirpie flew off the window sill. Knarf and Hanid watched him fly across the garden and disappear behind the hedge. A few minutes later, they heard him calling from the top of the stone wall at the end of the garden.

"Knarf! Hanid! Come here!" Knarf and Hanid ran over. "I found him all right," said Chirpie when Knarf and Hanid had joined him. "He's in the middle of that clump of buttercups and black-eyed Susans. Go ahead and see for yourself!"

plants apart. Sure enough, there was the Grasshopper with a whole crowd of tiny creatures behind him.

There was no doubt about it. "He is wearing a red cap!" said Hanid to Knarf.

Using a Megaphone

"It's got the word guide written on it," said Knarf. "And look, Hanid, he's talking through a megaphone!"

"Hello, you up there!" Grasshopper was shouting to them through a small-sized megaphone. (It was actually a morning-glory blossom). "We're going on a tour. Come down here and join us."

Knarf and Hanid made themselves small. They now found themselves in the middle of a crowd of beetles, caterpillars, potato bugs, fireflies, five or six ants and a snail.

Grasshopper greeted Knarf and Hanid as he tipped his Guide cap at them. "We're touring this whole field."

"There you, Firefly!" Grasshopper suddenly shouted. "Don't climb up that grass stem! You want to fall down and break your neck? Come along, everybody! We've got a lot of things to see."



Grasshopper was shouting through a megaphone.

But Snail was left so far behind that Knarf and Hanid had already left to go home when they came on him still trundling forward, thumping on his cane, as he headed for the beehive many yards ahead.

"Grasshopper was a wonderful guide," Hanid told Chirpie when she met him the next day. "I wonder where he got that red cap."

"He made it out of a hollow acorn," said Chirpie, "with a piece of red apple peel wrapped around it. But I don't suppose you believe that either!"

Rupert and the Lost List—17



Rupert watches fascinated as the strange animal finishes its meal. "The poor thing must be very hungry," he thinks. "That looked like a piece of paper it was eating!" The bird drifts over the clear patch and he creeps forward gently to keep the other

in view. Suddenly the animal catches sight of him and in a flash it has whisked round and disappeared. Then Rupert pulls himself together. "What a noodle I am!" he gasps. "By following that animal I've got myself more lost than ever!"

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CONQUEST OF KOREANS IS COMPLETE

Asian Cup Holders Beaten 3-1 By Combined Chinese

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The Conquest of the Koreans is complete. At the Hongkong Stadium on Saturday, before an all-time record crowd for a Colony football match, the Combined Chinese crushed the visitors into soccer submission by 3 goals to 1... but it was an indifferent game.

The score is hardly an accurate indication of the gulf between the two teams. The Hongkong boys might easily have scored three more goals and long before the end even the dynamic fighting spirit of the Koreans, which electrified the fans on Tuesday and won them the Asian Cup on their last visit, was just a vague blurred memory.

I've heard it suggested that three games in five days was too much for the Koreans. I can only hope that it was a suggestion born in a feeling of misguided sympathy for the visitors for I cannot believe they would seriously offer it themselves as an alibi for the failure to win a single game in their tour.

There was certainly no hint of it in their confident pre-tour prediction that they expected to win at least two of their three games... and they made that prediction when they were already well aware of the playing schedule that lay ahead of them.

No, the truth of the matter is that the visitors simply were not good enough for the task on hand. It is true of course, that they put up a magnificent fight in the first game... and it was true also that they were not as good in the second match... but in this final engagement they just played badly.

The Hongkong Combined Chinese, outmatched them in every phase of the game and it was rather disappointing to see that even the usually indomitable Korean fighting spirit was lacking.

The forward line... even allowing for the big-hearted endeavours of the brilliant little giant, Woo Sang-kwan... was infuriatingly inept. It lacked attacking method and it was too easily brushed aside by Hongkong's hard and fast-tackling defenders.

Their own defence was good enough, but it was overworked and did well to keep the score down to respectable proportions.

Everything Right

The Combined Chinese did everything that was required of them. They played the right kind of football to suit the occasion and it was pleasing to see that they were never chained to one hard and fast plan.

Sometimes they kept the ball close... and then, quite suddenly they would switch to long, wide-sweep passes.

These changing tactics kept the Koreans guessing throughout the whole ninety minutes with the result that their wing halves were never quite sure whether to dash into the tackle or retreat to a 'defence-in-depth' position leaving the

man with the ball to make territorial progress.

The penalty of this uncertainty was clearly demonstrated in all three goals scored by the Hongkong boys.

Eighteen minutes after the start Ho Cheung-yau went off on a mazy, meandering run. The defence retreated in front of him and then all too late they realised the extent of the danger which threatened.

Desperate situations require desperate measures and the Korean right-half, Cha Tansung, opened the little inside right just as it seemed certain he was going to score.

No Hesitation

Referee Dick Webb had no hesitation in awarding a penalty kick and Tang Sun showed the same promptitude in despatching the ball to the back of the net.

Combined Chinese maintained their solitary goal lead until the interval, but inside ten minutes of the restart they had gone further, ahead... and it was nearly the perfect goal.

Again we were treated to the sight of the Koreans in half-hearted retreat as Ho Cheung-yau carried the ball forward. The inside right moved ahead and then at the crucial moment he gave a deceptive little wiggle of his hips, got the defence—including the goalkeeper—going the wrong way, and coolly placed the ball with inch perfect accuracy. Just inside Paik Sang-hoon's left hand post. It was a delightful effort and the goalkeeper never had a chance of a chance from the moment the ball left Ho Cheung-yau's foot.

We visualised a Korean revival when Woo Sang-kwan made the most of a whole sequence of Chinese defensive errors to chalk up a goal for his side but, alas, it was a flash in the pan and the Korean challenge never materialised as a serious threat to the Hongkong boys.

Instead the visitors soon found themselves further behind. The movement that brought the goal was almost a duplicate of the play that led up to the one scored by Ho Cheung-yau, but this time the scorer was Yiu Cheuk-yin.

Tantalised

The little inside left tantalised the defenders as he danced through their ranks. He got a good look at the white of Pak Sang-hoon's eyes before leaving him helpless with a swerving shot which had goal stamped all over it from the moment it was kicked until it was tucked away in the corner of the net.

That finished the actual goals, but we shall remember another fine effort by Yiu Cheuk-yin which many people thought was actually over the goal line, and we shall also recall Lau Yee's fine last ditch clearance from a hard hit shot by Choi Kwang-zuk.

These incidents apart, we shall look back only on the satisfaction of a well won Hongkong victory: a victory that might easily have been more substantial... a victory that was once again shared by the driving force of the vociferous fans who cheered the Combined Chinese out of their rough

patches and into a football fairway where they were too good for the opposition.

The local boys played well together and only Kwok Kam-hung who is still a bit out of his class in this sort of company, and Lau Kiu-chu have question marks against their names.

The little South China full back does some clever things, but these are more than offset by his errors... particularly in the shape of misplaced passes at vital stages of the game.

Lau Kiu-chu again played poorly and he failed to fit into a front rank that simply bristled with talent.

Szeko Yiu had another delightful game and the Koreans will surely have nightmares about his tenacious tackling.

Usually In Control

Tang Sun had a much better game this time and Lau Tin, apart from a couple of heart-stopping mistakes in front of his own goal, was usually in complete control of the middle of the field.

Wong Chi-keung and Mok Chun-wai, thriving on the excellent service they got from Ho Cheung-yau and Yiu Cheuk-yin and these four gave the opposition plenty to think about... too much in fact. The score sheet tells its own story.

VERDICT: The Combined Chinese victory was more complete than the score suggests. The MacTavish Topper is doffed in salute to our representatives for a grand series... and a very special word of commendation to the fans for their thrilling support of the boys who played in our Colony colours.

Interesting Extract

Here is a most interesting extract from a letter I received at the week-end. It is the reply to one which I wrote in answer to many queries which I have received in recent weeks. The text of the extract is self explanatory... read on...

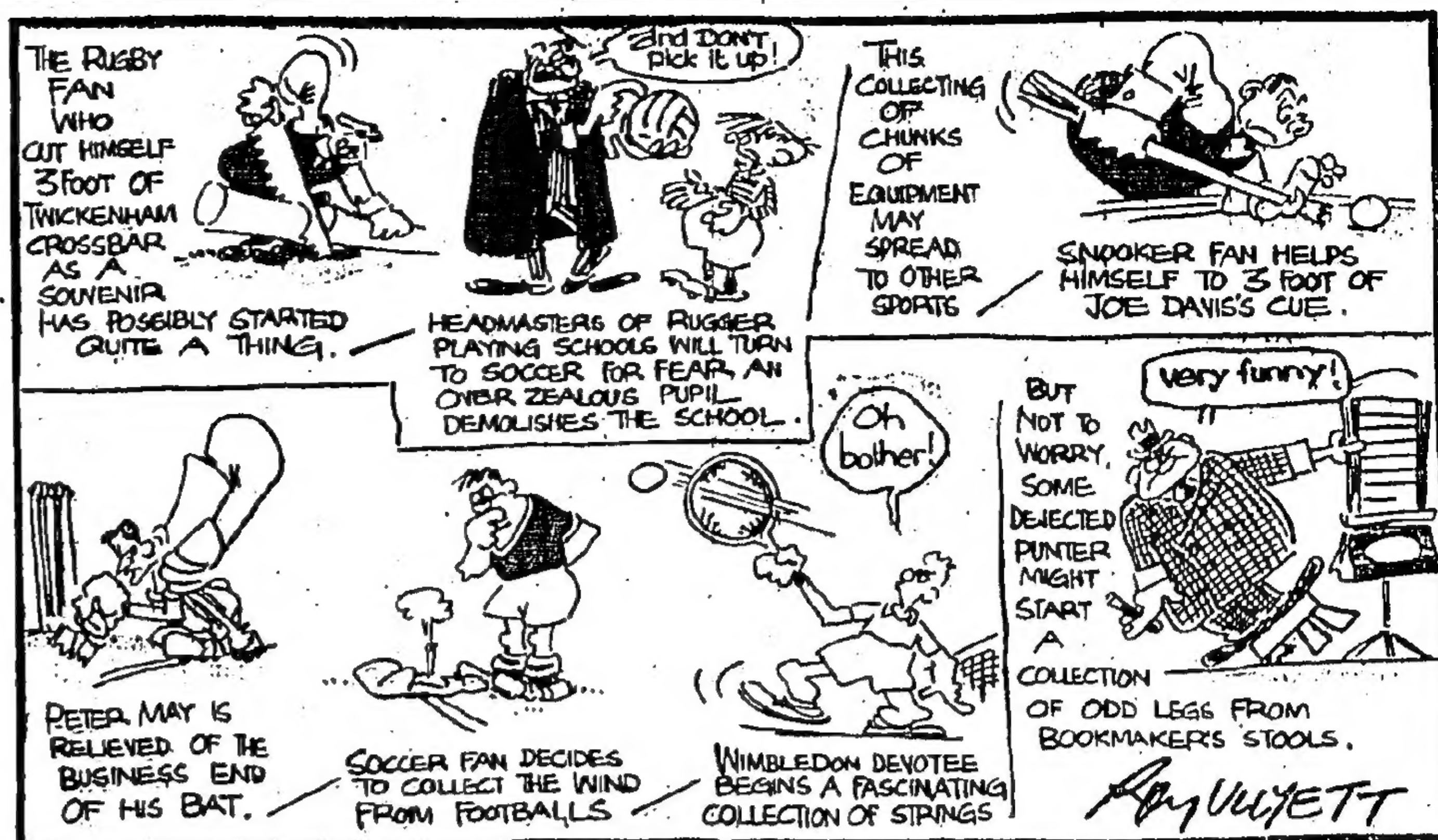
"Dear Sir, As requested by you I have studied the rules of the Asian Games with particular reference to the eligibility of participants. I have also perused the list of presented Hongkong and Taiwan in previous competitions and it is my opinion that players who have participated in the Asian Games Football Competition for either Hongkong or Taiwan would not now be eligible to represent a different side in the forthcoming Games in Tokyo."

"Yours faithfully, X X X"

That opinion has been given by a well known Colony personage who is well qualified to do so. Nothing is to be gained by revealing his identity. His comments give food for thought.

Coincidence Corner

Not often a team wins 9-0, but it becomes quite a coincidence when the first and second halves of a club both win by that big margin on the same day. What is more the senior and reserve sides of Carpet Trades FC in the Kidderminster League were both leading 6-0 at half time.



SATURDAY'S RUGBY

Two Top Teams Prove Their Worth As Leaders In Pentangular Table

By "PAK LO"

The two teams at the top of the Pentangular table proved their right to their places in no uncertain manner when they won very convincingly over their opponents on Saturday afternoon.

Club won their match against the Navy by 41 points (4 goals, 6 tries, 1 dropped goal) to nil, while on the other side of the harbour the Police, showing one or two major changes in their XV, were completely overpowered by the Army team which played good, open rugby throughout to leave the victors by 33 points (3 goals, 6 tries) to nil.

The Tournament table now stands thus:

Club	P	W	D	L	Pts	For	Agst	Diff
Club	5	4	1	0	23	10	0	10
Army	5	4	1	0	23	10	0	10
RAF	5	3	1	1	16	38	19	19
Police	5	1	2	2	3	29	67	4
Navy	5	0	1	4	2	10	101	91

From the above it can be easily seen that the winners of the Tournament this season will be the victors of the Club v. Army match which is scheduled for the near future.

Navy should without doubt be the "wooden spoons" for they still lack men and are likely to remain in like situation until the end of the season.

All Too Many

Of late it has been extremely noticeable that all too many XV's have failed to turn up on time for their matches, and admittedly for good reasons but all too often it is a case of players not leaving home in time.

"This, of course, brings us to the '31' Cup which was instituted last season. There is little doubt that last season most XV's made some effort to win the Cup, but there is little interest in it this season.

It has been suggested before to the Referees Society that they allow the standings to be published, but this they are reluctant to do.

No Effort

Their reasoning is that XV's whose names are at the bottom of '31' Cup table will make no effort to improve themselves as per the '31' Cup regulations.

Surely it is more important that to start with some of the XV's take an interest in this competition. As it is none of them care whether they win it or not, and mention of the Cup brings only derisive laugh from players.

To quote a good many, "I couldn't care less. Someone will get it but it won't be us." It is in the attitude the Referees Society must to foster then they have done a good job, but I am certain that this

is not what they visualised when they presented this Cup and it is up to them to interest the players in the competition again.

This can best be done by publishing the standings of the various XV's who have played sufficient games to become competitors in the '31' Cup.

Army v. Police

The Police turned out for this match short of two of their stars, Shioley and Lloyd, but even had they been present it is extremely doubtful that they could have held this fast, hard-going Army side.

The Army played a very open game, and though their three were not particularly successful, their two halves, Gilbertson and Robertson, were more than worthy of their selection.

Behind them Goulds made the openings, but he himself was forced to pass time and again by the hard-inclined Scott, who let no one past him.

The rest of the Police three were, however, not on a par with Scott and they were often beaten by their own poor tackling.

Always Slow

The Police were always slow to get down in the scrum, and the Army almost invariably had the underhand.

In the second half Walker rejoined the Police pack, and though their weight then held the Army pack the damage had been done.

In the lineouts the Police, without Shioley, lacked a powerful leader and seldom got the ball back. The Police three who they did get the ball looked dangerous, but it was

not until the second half that they got the ball back clearly for the first time.

Gilbertson opened the scoring for the Army in the fourth minute when he broke through and ran over, and ten minutes later Green scored after a ragged drive more to make it 6-0.

Bushy scored a beautiful try when he grabbed the ball for twenty yards at his feet, until it finally bounced nicely into his hands and he scored in the corner. Leppard converted it.

Later Bushy gathered a kick and sent Robertson over in the corner. Robertson ran round to score under the posts, leaving an easy conversion for Leppard, 16-0.

Just on his last time Gilbertson and Robertson again combined for the latter to score well out, 26-0.

Club v. Navy

The Club's halves and three were so superior that the Navy had little chance against them, especially with the Club pack feeding the ball back steadily.

The Club three passed exceedingly well, and poor tackling by the Navy gave them every chance to go through and score.

This Navy side was not in the light, and with both the Navy and the RAF losing men steadily—men whom they are unlikely to replace—it might be better next season if these two combined into one XV for the Tournament.

Lochrie, Cheong, Williams and Campbell all scored a try in the first half with Wright contributing two tries, while O'Kelly, who was the architect of victory, converted four of the tries.

In the second half Miller, Campbell, Cheong and Lochrie scored another try each, while O'Kelly dropped a goal to make the final score 41-0.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Tennis: Inter-Club Hongkong v. Taiwan, HKCC, 3.15 p.m.
Meeting: J.K. Referees Meeting, China Football Club, 4 p.m.

TOMORROW

Meeting: Hongkong Football Association Council Meeting, Sports Regd. 9.45 a.m.
Tennis: Combined Foreign Tennis Clubs v. Taiwan, LHC, 4.30 p.m.
Golf: Ladies' Day, Shauhe Fousen 18.

CAA Come From Behind To Get On Even Terms Against The Army

By "TOUCHWOOD"

CAA 3 ARMY 3

This is the story of a soccer team who, after leading 3-1 by the interval, allowed the opposition to steamroller them into conceding two goals that tied the score and only had luck prevented the back-to-the-wall side from scoring the winning goal in a First Division League match at Boundary Street.

Before a few thousand fans, the Army side looked like walking away with a comfortable margin of victory. Hadn't they a commanding lead by the 45th minute? Instead of playing like men inspired, the soldiers on resumption played nonchalantly and as a result CAA made the best use of this, to leave the field with honours shared.

What is all the more remarkable about the Athletics victory was that they played with a man short for the first 18 minutes. Seen standing on the sideline was one of their players all dressed up to join the team, but somehow kept out hoping that Jimmy Chang, the absent goalkeeper, would eventually save the team.

It was only after the Army opened the scoring in the 18th

Polar Flight Scratched From Grand National

London, Feb. 23. The eight-year-old Polar Flight will not run in the Grand National steeplechase at Aintree, near Liverpool, on March 29, his joint owners announced tonight.

Last night Polar Flight will contest the Cheltenham Gold Cup at Cheltenham earlier next month.

Polar Flight's owners explained that they considered their horse was still a bit young for the gruelling Aintree race and he could afford to wait another year—China Mail Special.

Chinese Clears 14ft. 2 3/4 ins. In Pole Vault

Paris, Feb. 23. Communist China's national Pole Vault record was improved today at the outdoor Athletics Championships in Canton, the New China News Agency reported.

Tsai Yi-shu cleared 4.34 metres (14 feet 2 3/4 inches) to improve upon his own national record of 4.22 metres set last October.

A total of 694 competitors were entered in the Canton Championships which began yesterday as a curtain-raiser to China's 1948 outdoor track and field season—France-Press.

CASE REOPENING

80-Year-Old Claims He Stole The FA Cup

Birmingham, Feb. 23. Police here said tonight that they were re-opening a case which has baffled Britain for 63 years—who stole the original Football Association Cup.

This follows a confession by an 80-year-old man, Mr. Harry Burge, in today's Sunday Pictorial.

"I stole the FA Cup in 1895," he is quoted as saying, "and I melted it down and made it into a half-crown." The cup disappeared on the night of September 11, 1895, from a shop here where it was on show. It had been won by Aston Villa, the present holders, and had been loaned by them for display. They were fined £25 because it had been stolen while in their safekeeping.

At the time police believed the "old pot" worth about £20, had been melted down by counterfeiters.

Tonight a police spokesman said that, as it was an admitted felony, they would be re-opening the case.

But he added, it took place a long time ago and the events might be difficult to prove.

"If a crime has been committed, the majesty of the law will be called into play."

"It could, however, be one of those occasions where the Chief Constable will exercise his prerogative and allow the matter to lie in the file."

"At any rate, it will be difficult finding the dossier."

Why has Mr. Harry Burge broken his silence about a crime committed when he was 17?

"I am an old man now—and it has troubled my conscience for a long time," he is quoted as saying by the Sunday Pictorial—China Mail Special.



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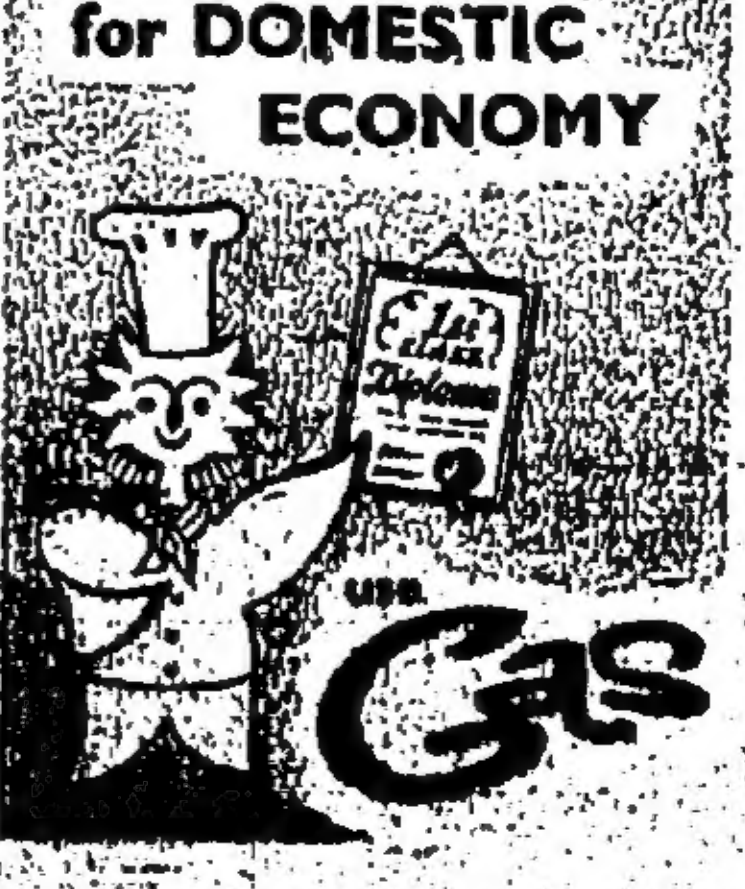
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OUTDOOR SPORTS FESTIVAL WORTH TRYING AGAIN

The first ever Outdoor Sports Festival organised by the Hongkong Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Council at the Hongkong Stadium proved quite an attractive affair if it did not attract as many people as one would have hoped to see present.

Six different sports—athletics, cycling, gymnastics, hockey, miniature football and softball—were presented. Most appreciated, it would appear, was the gymnastics display by the Army Physical Training Corps.

Not so much because it was better than anything similar in any other part of the world as for the fact that it was very much of a novelty to Hongkong.

It seemed to me that a good deal of the crowd attracted—held to have numbered over a thousand—came to see the hockey match between the Combined Services and Combined Civilian, which the latter won 4-1.

The miniature football match, in which many of the Colony's leading players in this sport were engaged, also brought forth much applause.

Trials

Five of the men's track events in the athletics section of the Festival were trials for selection of the HKAAA team to meet the United States for Eastern Air Forces and probably the Amateur Athletic Federation of Taiwan at Caroline Hill Stadium on March 12 or 13.

It does not follow that the first two or three in each event will definitely be selected for Hongkong's first ever full-scale international athletic match, but it is almost certain that they will be preferred to anyone else.

Surprising

One very surprising feature of the track events was that the participants, with the exception of Archie Lin, did not turn in faster times than they have done at Caroline Hill earlier in the season.

This was most surprising as all the participating athletes are in much better condition than they were at the last HKAAA Open Meeting at Caroline Hill Stadium last December.

In the only previous HKAAA meeting ever held at the Government Stadium—the 1956 Colony Championships—several Colony records were broken and

many athletes clocked their fastest ever times in Hongkong. The legend has since grown that the Government Stadium track is much faster than the Caroline Hill track. One must now reconsider this opinion on the new evidence.

It is important to note that in the 1956 Colony Championships were involved some of the finest runners Hongkong has ever seen. The fifth man in the 400 Metres finished under 2 minutes 3 seconds and it is quite understandable in the circumstances that such outstanding half-mile runners as Keith Burch and Peter Bowman should have been pushed under two minutes.

Yesterday two such highly-regarded half milers as Goddard and Barnes did not clock faster times than 2:05.4 and 2:05.0 respectively, and it must be remembered that they clocked 2:04.2 and 2:04.3 at Caroline Hill in December. Barnes is convalescent from a recent illness, but he was still capable of pushing Goddard yesterday.

May Be Improved

Disappointing though the Festival was from the point of view of lack of attendance, I think that it should be tried again. There is considerable room for improvement in its presentation.

To begin with, it dragged over a long period and, particularly in the softball and hockey matches, only a small section of the whole field was occupied.

Some other form of sport could have been carried on in another section of the field. The argument is brought forth by some that all concentration should be on one item, but people are likely to be bored than educated to appreciation by what they are not interested in.

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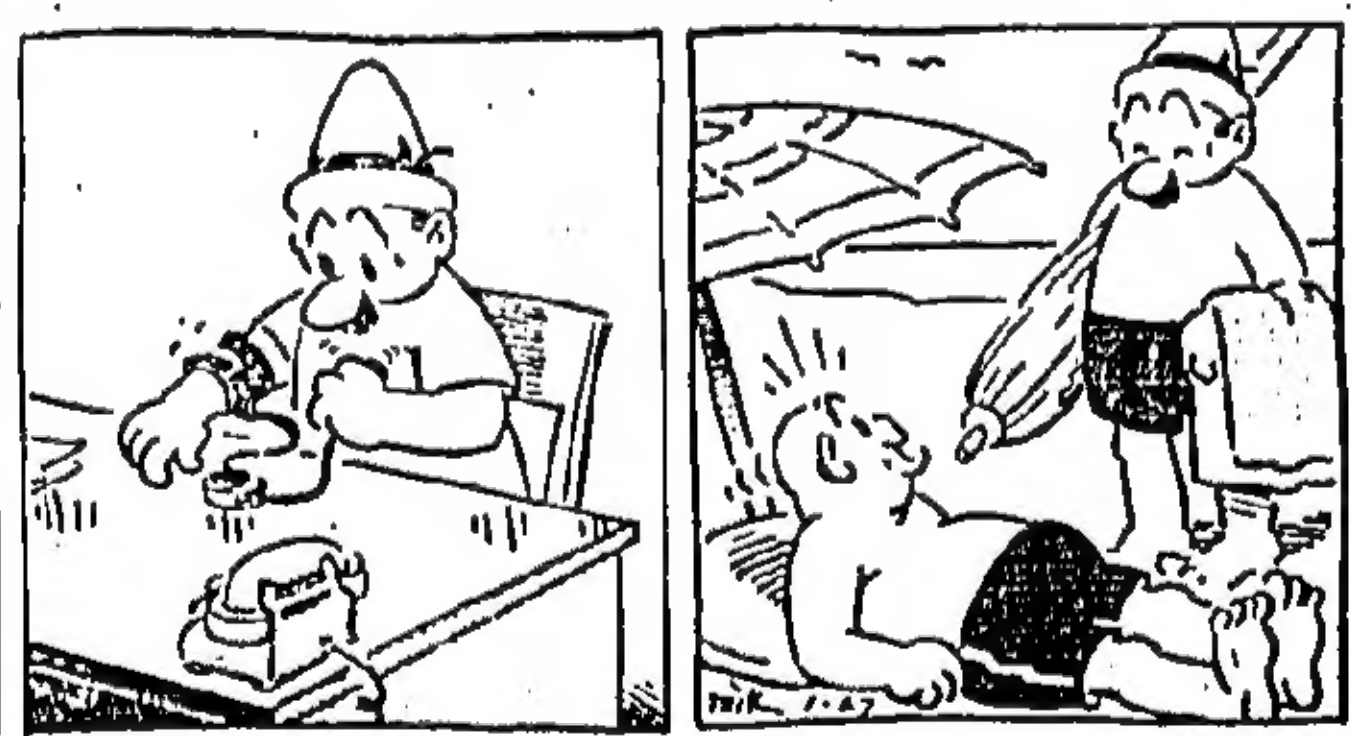
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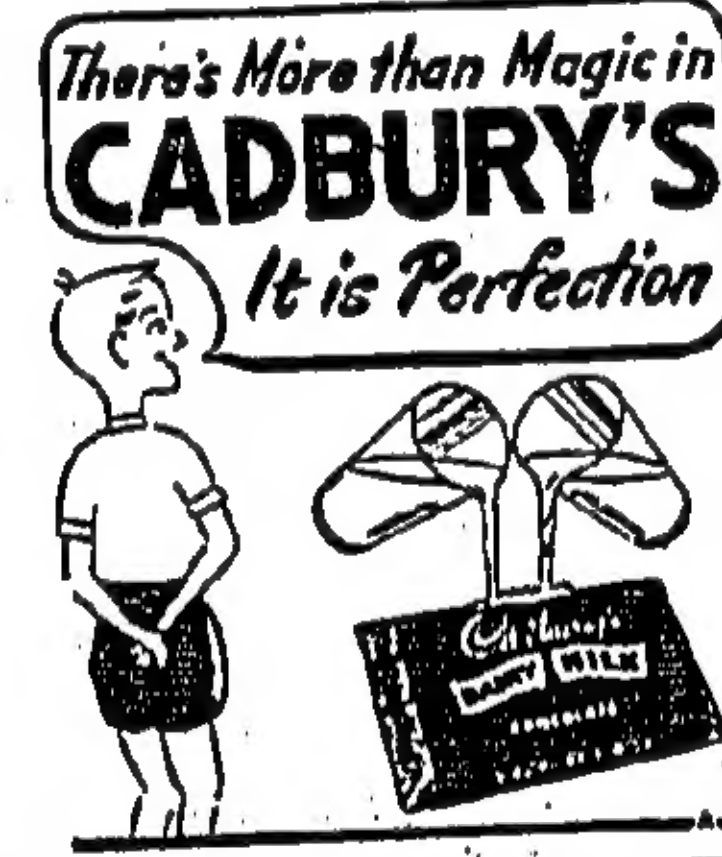
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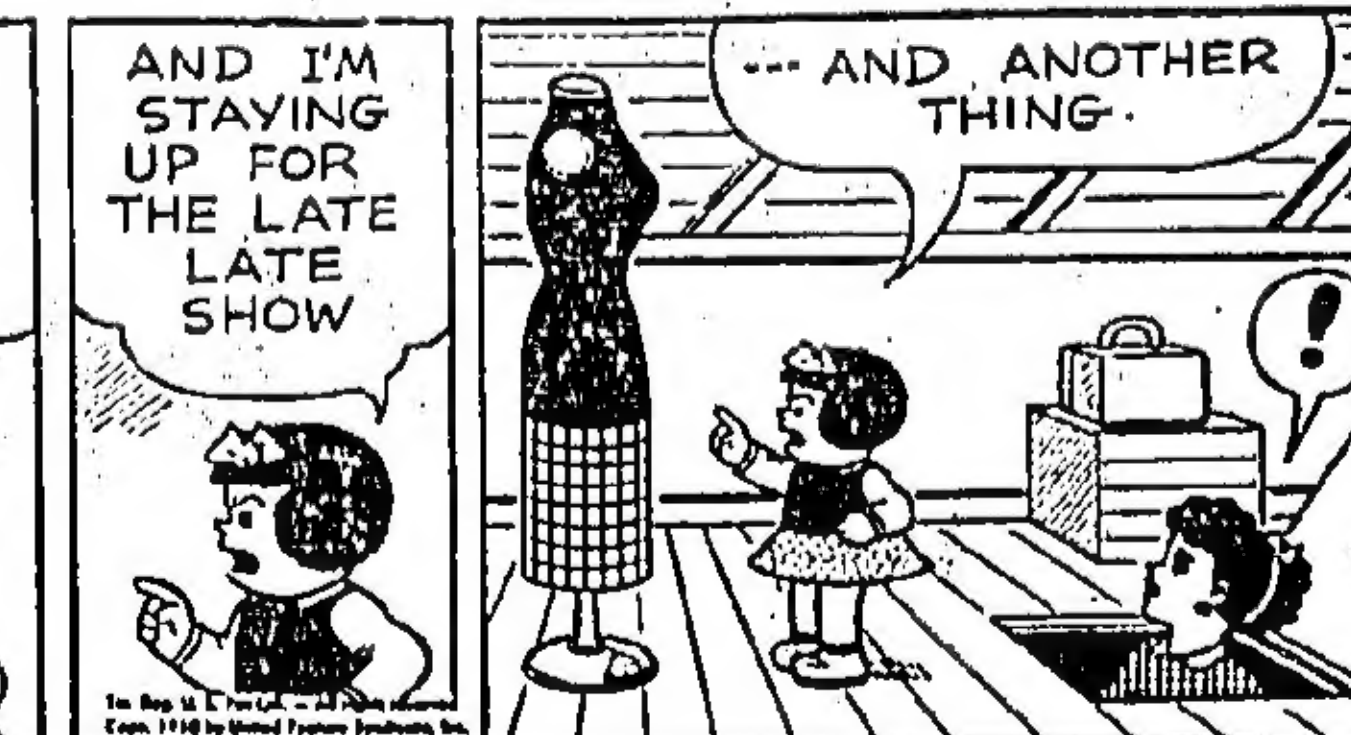
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CHAMPIONSHIP PRACTICALLY DECIDED

LEAGUE CRICKET

Craigengower Move Up

Craigengower Cricket Club won a very valuable four points from Army South in the First Division of the Cricket League at Sookunpoo on Saturday and are now in a strong challenging position to League leaders Army North—three points behind with seven matches to go.

IRC and KCC also won while Scorpions were held to a draw by Iccreio and Optimists beat the Royal Air Force.

League standings now are:

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Army North	13	8	2	3	24
Scorpions	13	7	5	2	23
IRC	13	6	7	2	23
Craigengower	13	6	7	2	21
KCC	13	6	7	2	21
Army South	13	4	8	4	20
RAF	13	4	8	4	20
Iccreio	13	4	8	4	21
Optimists	13	3	2	0	5
Royal Navy	13	3	1	1	7
Police	13	1	3	1	12

* Including two points for a tie.

Buji Dhabher was the major contributor with 47 to the Craigengower total of 172, with K. Y. Tam (20), P. A. Ragi (21) and G. A. Souza (24) also among the runs.

Opening batsman Brown was undefeated for 52 in the Army South innings of 112, but the wickets at the other end, except for an opening stand of 33 with Tacey, kept falling at regular intervals and victory was achieved comfortably despite two dropped catches by Dhabher in the deep.

Real Madrid In European Cup Semi-Finals

Seville, Feb. 23. Real Madrid, the holders, joined Manchester United in the semi-finals of the European Soccer Cup today by eliminating Seville in the quarter-finals.

The Madrid club, who won the first leg 8-0 in Madrid a month ago, drew 2-2 at Seville today to qualify on an aggregate of 10-2.

Manchester United were the first clubs to reach the semi-finals when they defeated Red Star, Belgrade, on the eve of the Munich air disaster 17 days ago.

The two other quarter-finals—Ajax (Amsterdam) versus Vassas (Budapest) and Borussia Dortmund (West Germany) versus Milano (Italy)—have still to be decided.

The draw for the semi-finals is due to take place in Brussels on March 1.—Reuter.

33 Fielding Errors As Hurricanes Win Ladies' League Game

By "TIME OUT"

The Ladies' League championship was practically decided yesterday when in an entertaining softball game at King's Park Onofre Souza's red-shirted Hurricanes, behind the four-hit pitching of Evelyn Alonso and the fielding and batting of Myra Cruz, edged out the South China team by 9 runs to 7.

The close score, however, belied the standard of play as a total of 33 fielding errors was registered, 18 by the losers and 15 by the winners.

The Comets kept their position mid-way in the Junior League standings intact with a magnificent 8-1 win over the gallant War Eagles the winners' John Goodair losing a one-hitter.

The other two League games, CAA versus US Navy and P.I. Dodgers against the University of Hongkong, resulted in forfeits by the Athletics and the U respectively.

The Athletics unfortunately got their signals crossed when they turned up at 1.45 p.m. for the 11.30 a.m. game.

As for the exhibition softball, the Canadian Naval Squadron bowed 7 to 6 to a Junior All-Stars side that displayed a lot of hustle and yesterday at the Government Stadium the Softball Association boasted two "firsts". One, a drawn game with the score at four-all between the two teams, the Canadians and Al Oliveira's Warriors, and the other the first-ever televised softball game in Hongkong.

The Canucks' Gallo poled out one of the longest homers I have ever had the pleasure to see when he knocked the ball into deep right field.

Almost History

The sprinkling of fans at King's Park must have left immediately after the Comets and War Eagles contest with a feeling of satisfaction. This Junior game almost saw local softball history made as John Goodair of the Comets just missed his second no-hitter of the season, an achievement never recorded before.

The Eagles left two runners stranded in the first inning and failed to score.

John Bryant opened the scoring for the Comets when he came home on an infield miscue. Tony Djeng got nabbed at the plate when he attempted to sneak past Eagles' catcher Oweke for the second out after Tommy Chadd had rapped a line drive straight to pitcher Lau.

Michael Hussain's batting average took a sharp dive when in his first trip to the plate he couldn't produce a hit. In fact he went zero in four and must now be considered an "also ran" for the batting title.

The second frame got under way with the Comets leading 1-0. The Eagles' first two batters were out on easy pops and Kew looked all set to score from third on two successive errors, but Goodair rose to the occasion and whiffed his opposite number Lau on a fast third strike.

The Comets rung up another two in the bottom of the second when shortstop Lam hunted safely to advance Kotwall to second base and then Goodair rammed Lau's slow ball to centre-field for Kotwall to come home standing up.

Lam and Goodair were left stranded on the sacks as Eagles' pitcher Lau took a breather and then got the next three batters on a fan-out and two lazy flies to the infield.

It was still a no-hit game after the top of the third as Goodair forced the Eagles to lay the ball on the ground straight to the waiting glove of Comets shortstop Lam.

Kotwall's hit past the hot corner drove in Chadd ahead of him from second, then with two men on the Eagles' rightfielder Kew made a good catch of Osman's long drive to end the inning and the scoreboard now read Comets 3, War Eagles 0.

Safely Parked

K. K. Wong worked Goodair for a walk and when the latter faltered by issuing another free ticket to first Wong was safely parked at the keystone. A very good scoring chance was thrown away when Wong then foolishly tried to make third as Goodair turned his back because the ball was waiting for him in the mitt of hot-corner guardian Kotwall.

A fielder's choice and two walks later Wu hit home plate for the Eagles' first run on a bary hit. The Comets took full advantage of some atrocious defensive play by the losers to score another run and it was now 4-1.

The Eagles were by no means shaken even though they were trailing by three runs. With one away a feeling of desperation engulfed the Eagles when after F. K. Lee had stolen

second after getting his side's only hit of the game, a liner past third, he tried to reach third on a fumble of K. K. Wong's long fly to left.

The relay from the pastures came in like a bullet and another rally was killed as Lee slid right into the third-sacker Kotwall's outstretched glove with the ball tucked away in it.

Goddard seemed to resent F. K. Lee's spilling of his potent no-hit game because in the last two frames he went about his business quickly and disposed of the Eagles in one-two-three order.

Just to make sure, his teammates gave him full support in the bottom of the fifth by putting the game on ice with a four runs spurge to make the final score 8 to 1 in favour of the Comets.

The Comets got seven hits off Eagles' hurler Lau Man-long who has been anything but impressive this season. This young pitcher has a good arm but, sorely needs some coaching

softball. The winners made only three miscues and on the day's showing were worthy victors although they had to contend with stubborn and unexpected opposition from a team that took quite a few risks out of sheer anxiety to avoid a shut-out.

Well done, the Eagles—let's have some more softball of this type from you, but please, oh, please, try to play percentage ball when the chips are stacked against you. The 18 base-runners you left stranded constitutes a new record in local softball!

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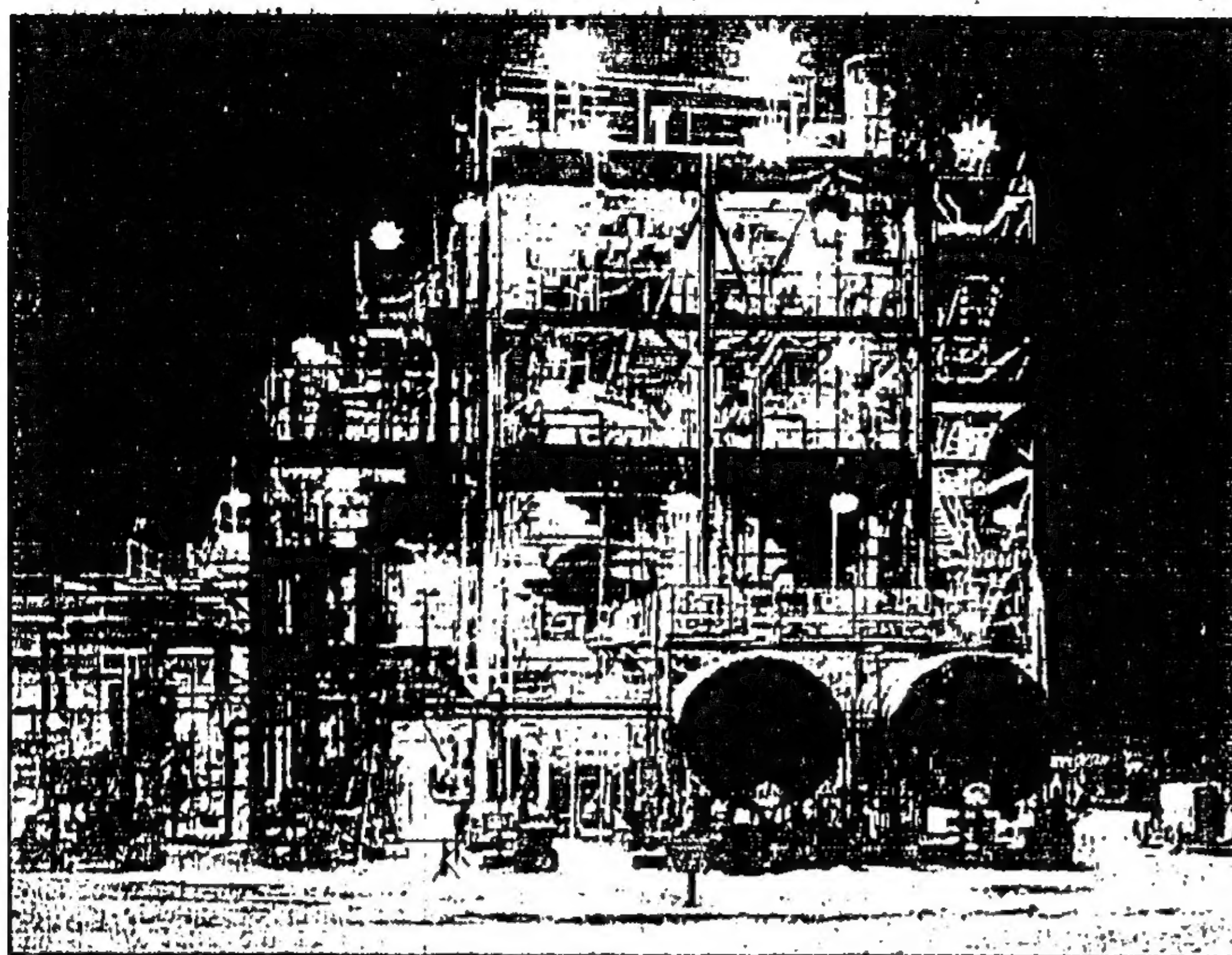
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as chlorosulfonated polyethylene.
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position, "Hypalon" possesses
important properties not found
in any other commercially avail-
able elastomer, and is widely
used where these properties are
desired.

Most important is its remark-
able resistance to ozone, which
cracks and destroys other rub-
bers. In addition, it resists the
deteriorating effects of weather,
sunlight, heat, and oxidising
chemicals.

Elastomer

Products of "Hypalon" are
now being produced commer-
cially in Europe and the United
States, both as moulded and ex-
truded articles. Coatings of the
new elastomer may be sprayed,
brushed, or spread on wood,
metal, fabrics, and other elasto-
mers.

Linings for chemical tanks and
for acid-carrying hoses have
proven successful after three
years of exposure. "Hypalon"
in white sidewalls of tires pro-
vides increased resistance to
abrasion and cracking caused by
ozone.

INCREASED CARRYING CAPACITY

A 7 cwt. light van re-
designed to suit local
delivery work require-
ments is announced by
a British motor manu-
facturing group.

A 1300 cc. ohv. power unit
developing 43 bhp has been in-
cluded for speedier acceleration
and a more powerful all-round
performance. Wider bodywork
and a lower wheelbase provide
increased carrying capacity, and
the new vehicle, the Commer
Cob, has been planned for quick
and easy loading.

The rear door is wider, the
loading height has been reduced
and the luggage platform
lengthened to 57½ ins. an in-
crease of five inches over the
previous model.

The main features of the van
are compactness and manoeuvr-
ability. There is front suspen-
sion with re-designed coil
springs and telescopic hydraulic
camps front and rear.
It is available in antelope,
flame blue, emerald green or
thistle grey.

The new van, the manu-
facturers state, offers more leg-
room and comfort with re-
designed bucket-style driving
seat and passenger seat and if
can accommodate a full range of
private car accessories and
extras. The Commer Group,
Dorchester House, Piccadilly,
London, W.1.

SHARP UPWARD TURN IN BRITISH PRISON POPULATION

London, Feb. 23.
Britain's prisons are becoming more and more crowded.
"A sharp upward turn" in the prison population is
noted in the annual report of the Commissioners of
Prisons covering the year 1956. The daily average
population of the prisons was still rising in the middle
of last year.

In July 1957, there were
22,340 persons in British
prisons, mostly men. "The up-
ward trend," the Commis-
sioners' report said, "is con-
fined to men. A striking
feature of recent years is the
continued fall in the numbers
of women—from an average
of 871 in 1950 to 668 in mid-
1957.

The problem in men's prisons
is serious overcrowding. In
local prisons, some 2,400 men
are sleeping three in a cell.

In the larger women's
prisons, on the contrary, "the
few women whom the State
in the accommodation avail-
able, and much difficulty is ex-
perienced in finding enough
women suitable for the various
kinds of work."

Fanciful

Some of the more fanciful
ideas about prison life have
been dispelled by a recent
book "Come to Prison" by
the playwright Sewall Stokes,
who served as a probation officer
in London during World War II.
(Published by Longmans—21s.)

Of particular interest is a
description of a visit to Dart-
moor, where many of the
nation's toughest criminals
serve long sentences. Dartmoor
comes across as a bleak, desolate
place, where prisoners try their
best to break out, against almost
impossible odds. Stokes, who
was a prisoner there for a time,
describes the life of the pris-
oners in a way that is both
fascinating and disturbing.
He tells of the "bitch" who
keeps the prisoners in line,
and of the "bitch" who keeps
the prisoners from breaking
out. He also tells of the "bitch"
who keeps the prisoners from
dying.

"Really bad boys, are they?"
Stokes asked.

China Mail Entertainment Guide

WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

KING'S & PRINCESS: "And God Created Woman."
Brigitte Bardot in a French picture of a woman
indiscriminately seeking a bed-mate.
STAR & METROPOLE: "Legend of The Lost."
John Wayne, Sophia Loren and Rossano Brazzi
search for treasure in the Sahara.
LEE & ASTOR: "Campbell's Kingdom." Dirk
Bogarde in an outdoor drama set in the Canadian
Rockies.
ROXY & BROADWAY: "The Gift Of Love."
Lauren Bacall and Robert Stack in a sentimental
journey which introduces a new child star,
Evelyn Rudie.
HOOVER & LIBERTY: "Don't Go Near The Water."
Glenn Ford and Gia Scala in a hilarious comedy.
QUEEN'S: "The Blue Continent." "Sadler Trio."
ORIENTAL: "The Enemy Below." Robert Mitchum
and Curt Jurgens in a duel to the death at sea.
MAJESTIC: "Cartouche." Richard Basehart as the
swordsmen.
CAPITOL: "Interlude." June Allyson and Rossano
Brazzi in a romance.
RITZ: "20 Million Miles to Earth." Some more
science-fiction.

Audio And Visual Entertainment

RADIO HONGKONG

8.30, Julius Caesar. A series
of programmes about the play by
William Shakespeare—Part 4: The
Principal Characters—Caesar. 8.45,
New Concert Orchestra; 9, Time
Signal; 10, The Grover; 10.30, Music
for Everyone; 11, Weather Report;
11.30, News; 12, Comment; 1.15, Cock-
tail Time—Harry Far-
mer's Rhythm Quartet; 2, Let-
ter from America by Alastair Cooke;
2.45, Hay Edington Quartet; 3, Let-
ter from America; 4, Personality Parade;
5, Diana Lynn; 5.15, The Top in
Popular Music presented by Nick
Kandall; 6.30, Show Case—Selections
from "South Pacific" starring Mary
Martin, Ezio Pinza and William
Katt; 7, 10, Monday Concert—
"Schubert's Symphony No. 9"
by Rimsky-Korsakov, played by
"Orchestra de la Societe Symphonique"
Concerts du Conservatoire de Paris;
8.45, Secrets of Scotland—yard-
work; 9, News; 9.15, Clive Franks; 10.15,
Night Stand; 11, Date with
Music from the Film; 11.30, Breasts
of Scotland—band; 12, The
Statistical Bureau's review of last
Saturday's broadcast; 10.15, Or-
chestra de la Societe Symphonique;
10.45, The First Piano Quartet in
a programme of well known classical
music; 11.15, News; 11.30, The
Statistical Bureau's review of last
Saturday's broadcast; 11.45,
Overnight; 12.30, Close Down.

TELEVISION

8.30, Puppets Theatre; 8.35, "Rings
Dance, Western Musical"; 9, Close
Down.
9.15, Glauco and his Band; 7.45,
Newsworld; 8, Jack Webb in
"Huggins"; 8.30, Playhouse; 9, "The
Lure of Memory"; 9.45, Calling
Card—interview; 10, "The Black
Feather Film"; 11, "The Black
Feather Film"; 11.15, Late Night Black
Close Down.

"As bad as, they come," re-
plied the Governor.

Mr Stokes comments that "in
no prison does the population
consist of men perpetually on
the alert to seize any chance
that comes their way of sealing
the wall and making a dash for
freedom. . . . On the other
hand, there is in most prisons
a small minority of confirmed
trouble-makers who will stop
at nothing to create havoc."
China Mail Special.

PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS IN VENEZUELA

Caracas, Feb. 23.

The ruling junta created a
committee to prepare for a
general election today,
the first month's anniver-
sary of the ousting of
dictator President Marcos
Perez Jimenez.

The provisional Minister of
Interior, Numa Quevedo, said
the new committee would
draft an electoral law and that
the junta hoped to call general
elections as soon as possible to
complete the process of
"Venezuela's return to the de-
mocratic fold."

Senor Quevedo said the com-
mittee would set a deadline with-
in the next few days for drafting
the law so that an election
date might be set.

CONFIDENCE

Leaders of the political parties,
including two returned exiles,
Jovita Villalba of the Demo-
cratic Republican Union and
Romulo Betancourt of the
Democratic Action Party, ex-
pressed confidence that the
junta would help the democratic
organisation of the country.

Both Villalba and Betancourt
returned after the brief, bloody
revolt in Caracas which forced
Perez Jimenez to flee the coun-
try on January 23 and take
refuge in the Dominican Re-
public.—United Press.

MAIL Notices

The latest times of posting
shown below are those for un-
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at G.P.O., Hongkong. The latest
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in general, are earlier than the
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by enquiry at the local office.
The latest posting times for
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shown below. Particulars regard-
ing parcel mails can be ascer-
tained by enquiry at any post
office.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

By Air
Pakistan, Europe, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Canada, Burma, India,
6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Kowloon, Han-
kow, Hsinchow, 5.30 a.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India,
Middle East, and Great Britain,
Noon.
Australia, New Zealand, 1 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle
East, Africa, Great Britain &
Europe, 6 p.m.
Canada, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Hawaii, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 9 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Seymour, 2 p.m.
Indonesia, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 9 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Seymour, 2 p.m.
Indonesia, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 9 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Seymour, 2 p.m.
Indonesia, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 9 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Seymour, 2 p.m.
Indonesia, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

ALLEGED MURDER OF MISTRESS

A 44-year-old textile

worker, Leung Kai-wing,
alias Hui Kin-hung, ap-
peared on trial before Mr
Justice A. D. Scholes in
the Criminal Sessions this
morning for the murder
of his alleged mistress,
Ho Ah-kwan, 32, a mar-
ried woman.

It is alleged that Leung
chopped Ho to death with a
one-pound chopper near
the Yau Ma Tei Wai on or
about November 25 last.

In a statement to the Police,
Leung allegedly admitted the
crime because of alleged un-
faithfulness on the part of the
deceased.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior
Crown Counsel, acted by Del.
Insp. G. Fergus, is prosecuting.

The accused is being defend-
ed by Mr Terence Shurlock.

A Jury of four men and three
women has been empanelled.

Mr Blair-Kerr told the Jury
that the deceased woman was
the wife of Yung Ming, an
enamel worker. His wife worked
in the same factory at Teun Wan
where the accused was employ-
ed. The accused lived in the
factory.

Yung would say that his wife
and the accused first came to
know each other when she start-
ed to work in the factory in
1955.

Information

Certain information had come
to Yung who spoke to the ac-
cused about his association with
Yung's wife, Crown Counsel
said.

Then in October last the de-
ceased left home.

Yung would say that later he
went to a hotel in Mongkok
where he found his wife and
accused in a room.

The witness would say that
he met accused in a cafe by ap-
pointment and forbade accused
to visit his home again, Counsel
said.

A witness at the factory
would say that about 5 p.m. on
November 25 he was on duty
at the gate when accused ap-
proached him carrying a
parcel. As a matter of routine
he searched the parcel and
found a knife. Accused told
him that he wanted a new
handle fixed. He was then
allowed out of the factory.

Other witnesses to be called
would be a woman named Yip
Yee-shing and her husband
Chung Shik-foo who would say
they knew both accused and
the deceased woman. Yip would
say that accused called at her
home about 5 p.m. on Novem-
ber 25 where he drank some
beer and ate food. He then
handed to her to be delivered to
a man in the factory where he
worked.

Later Yip went to the home
of the dead woman and the two
went for a walk in the district
Outside a theatre they came
upon the accused and the de-
ceased then left her and joined
Leung.

About 9.30 p.m. that evening,
Yip would say that accused
came to her home again. He
was then wearing a singlet. He
carried a shirt in his hand and
his clothing was wet.

Improper Acts

Accused's chit which was left
with Yip's husband and the in-
terest taken by the viewers seem-
ed to confirm an opinion I ex-
pressed in the early days of this
column that good TV is a com-
bination of good TV features. There
is something fascinating about
watching an event on your
screen that is taking place miles
away.

For instance, the show put on
by the Army Physical Training
Corps yesterday afternoon.
During this excellent display,
the vaulting board broke under
the tremendous punishment it
received from the vaulters. The
NCO who was leaping at the
time made a split second re-
covery and thus avoided a fall.
The point is, the viewer
shares in the unexpected
moment. To see it later know-
ing what is going to happen
robs the event of all its thrill.

LAST Friday's Sports Box
was one of the best ever.
The half hour now devoted to
this event is one of the top items
of the week. The photography
followed the skaters
during the championship
tournament on all high in TV
film series.

Daylight

The body was found at day-
light, about 230 yards away.
The Police Surgeon carried
out an examination on the body
which had 27 chops wounds
on the head. The immediate
cause of death was actually
drowning. Mr Blair-Kerr said
she was also suffering from suf-
ocation.
Hearing is continuing.

Telecrit By JOHN LUFF

MY visit to Television

headquarters on Satur-
day morning was a little
more informal than most
visits for reasons I shall
explain in a moment, but
first is the most important
item of all.

Tonight, during a festive occa-
sion, Rediffusion are going to
make a press release about the
new premises from which they
will be operating in the near
future. I shall follow this up
later in the week with some
items written from my own in-
terest which is the programme
from the new studios.

RETURNING to the informal

conversation, Mr W. A.
Whiting asked me if I had re-
ceived many complaints about
some of the features appearing
twice in the TV programmes.

Well, yes I have, but not many.
Whiting asked me if I had re-
ceived many complaints about
some of the features appearing
twice in the TV programmes.
The only difference being the time
at which they appear, but be-
fore I go on with that, first let
me say why we have had
certain features re-introduced
to our local programmes.

Hongkong TV had planned
without reckoning with repeated
items, and even when they ex-
tended the viewing time to
include Saturday and Sunday
afternoon, they had not
done it without repeating cer-
tain features.

However, there was one item
that did not go down well, that
was the Chinese film that used
to be shown at eight o'clock. The
reason for this was, it was a
full length film, that time per-
mitted to be shown only as a
serial, but it was not made as a
serial. This was dropped, but
not without a certain amount of
protest from the regular viewers.

Now something had to be
found to take its place. I have
seen for myself miles of film
stuff stored down at Redif-
fusion, but it is considered sub-
standard to the TV regular
features. The decision was,
then show this stuff, which
already brought protests from
some viewers in America and
Britain.

With that, I entirely agree
except in one detail. That is,
when should one repeat a
feature?

NOW lacking any scientific-
ally acquired data, I should
say that, somewhere between
eight and nine o'clock is peak
viewing time. The only way
that can be settled as a fact is
by research or viewers' poll. If
you wish to express your
opinion, you are invited to do
so.

My opinion is, the best re-
peat time is Saturday and Sun-
day afternoons preferably be-
tween the sports items or out-
side the sports items are televi-
sion. Unless a very important
event is being telecast, I should
imagine that weekend afternoon
viewing is a more casual affair,
although rainy afternoons, I
should think, the figure up. I
should, therefore, consider that
the repeat programmes be fitted
in the time I state above.

SPORT seems to be digging
large holes in the inter-
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BOXING fans might like to
look in on Thursday at 8
p.m. when the "Black and
White" demonstration is being
telecast. Those who are un-
familiar with this Service visual
aid to boxing would perhaps be
interested to learn that the
demonstrator wearing black
shorts and shirt does everything
wrong in boxing moves, where-
as the anglic "White" does
everything that is right.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1958.

TWO UK ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS COMPLETE MISSION

Four Months Together In Unexplored Territory

McMurdo Sound, Feb. 23.
Two British explorers arrived at nearby Scott Base today at the end of a 1,670-mile survey expedition across previously unexplored territory in the Antarctic. They had been on the trail since October 21.

Industrialist Visits Colony

Sir Dinshaw Petit, well-known industrialist and financier of Bombay, accompanied by Lady Petit, arrived from India by Air India International this morning for a week's stay here on a holiday trip.

The visitors will fly to Japan from where they will travel to Europe by the North Pole route.

Lady Petit is the sister of Mr. J. R. D. Tata, Managing Director of Tata Industries which is the largest industrial enterprise in India.

The first group went to Queen Mary Hospital, where 30 donors were received. The British Red Cross Society Blood Collecting Centre in Fung House on Connaught Road had a party of 41 volunteers initially and more were expected.

Dr. George March, 32, of Shrewsbury, England, and J. Holmes Miller, 30, of Masterton, New Zealand, arrived on sleds loaded with two dog sleds. Their clothes were torn, dirty and patched; their faces were covered with heavy beards and were deeply sun-burned.

The two men had surveyed 15,000 square miles of previously uncharted sections of the southern continent, including the major mountain ranges near Mount Markham and Nimrod Glacier. They helped Sir

Edmund Hillary in setting up Depot 700, making a round-trip journey with the other New Zealand group before setting off on their own.

They arrived here from the plateau depot, which the party led by Dr. Vivian Fuchs reached earlier today. March said the trip from the plateau was about the easiest of the journey and that Fuchs probably would have no trouble the rest of the way.

The two men said the coldest weather they suffered was 42 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. They said they had their worst time with a combination of 20 below and winds up to 70 miles an hour. They said they were stopped for two weeks by bad weather on the entire trip.

Miller said they were not bothered by the isolation of the Antarctic wastes.

Loneliness

"The only time we had definite feelings of loneliness or insecurity was when we were away from the dogs," he said. Miller explained that several times they had to leave their teams in order to reach areas not passable with their sleds.

Miller said they were 90 miles southeast of Depot 700 on Christmas Day, but celebrated the occasion with frankfurters, mashed potatoes and medicinal brandy.

Miller said they had only minor disagreements on their four-month tour and that they came out still speaking to each other. —United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Certainly we had to buy her lots of snappy new clothes for college—she has to be smarter than she was in high school!"

TOUGH FIGHT FOR FOREIGN AID BILL

By ROBERT BARKDOLL

Washington, Feb. 23.
The Senate Republican leader, William F. Knowland, said today that the congressional battle shaping up over President Eisenhower's \$3,942,000,000 foreign aid bill would be "one of the toughest fights" of the session.

But he predicted the foreign aid programme would be continued, although possibly in "curtailed form." The California Senator pointed out that support for foreign aid comes from both Republicans and Democrats.

The same point was made by Eric A. Johnston, head of a White House-sponsored conference to be held here on Tuesday to whip up public backing for the aid programme. President Eisenhower and former President Truman will address the meeting at different times.

Mr. Johnston, President of the Motion Picture Association, said response so far to the meeting showed that the people were "vitaly interested" in foreign aid.

National Security

He said 1,200 leaders from "every walk of life" had accepted invitations to the conference on "foreign aspects of US national security." He reported that "hundreds" of additional requests to attend had to be turned down.

While most Democratic and Republican leaders of Congress support the aid programme, it is opposed by a sizable bloc of members who feel the time has come to halt or sharply curtail overseas spending.

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PLAINTIFF SAYS: Former Director Offered To Operate Ship

Evidence of an alleged offer by Mr J. F. Horman-Fisher, a former director of Wheelock, Marden and Co., Ltd, to operate the mv Lady Wolmer as agents for the plaintiff, was given by Mr Alexander Kwong, plaintiff in a claim for \$960,000 before Mr Justice C. W. Reece at the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr Kwong said he had lost money in operating the vessel on his own and had only paid two instalments to Wheelock, Marden and Co., as he had spent too much on overhead charges. He said Mr Horman-Fisher saw him in early October, 1950, and allegedly suggested to operate the ship for plaintiff as agents.

Mr Kwong said he did not agree to Mr Horman-Fisher operating the vessel at first, but "finally I had no alternative but to agree."

Counter Claim

Mr Kwong is claiming \$960,000 against Wheelock, Marden and Co., being the value of the mv Lady Wolmer, and general damages for her alleged delinquency and conversion.

Defendants deny the claim and are counter-claiming for a sum of \$18,213.04, allegedly due by plaintiff, with interest from June 30, 1954.

The Lady Wolmer was stranded on May 19, 1953, off Cheju Island, near the South Korean coast, and was abandoned as a total loss on May 22.

Mr Kwong is represented by Mr Brook Bernacchi and Mr Richard Winter, both instructed by Mr M. E. Ives, of Peter M. and Co.

Wheelock, Marden and Co., Ltd, are represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr F. G. Nigel, of Johnson, Stokes and Master.

The plaintiff testified that he was the sole proprietor of Roland and Co. He started in shipping business in 1948 by chartering vessels.

In December, 1949, he visited Mr Horman-Fisher in the latter's office at Wheelock, Marden and Co. in order to purchase the Lady Wolmer. As a result of negotiations, he entered into an agreement, in which Mr Horman-Fisher signed on behalf of Wheelock, Marden and Co. A Mr S. K. Chan also signed as a witness to the agreement, he said.

The agreement provided for a deposit of \$64,000, which was paid on December 12, 1949, and also payment of \$128,000 upon delivery of the vessel, which was paid on January 7, 1950.

The agreement also provided payment of the balance of the vessel on monthly instalments of \$64,000 commencing from the date of delivery of the vessel. The plaintiff said he paid two instalments for February and March, 1950. He also paid bills in respect of oil supplied to the ship, as well as water, repairs, crew wages and insurance premium, which totalled about \$400,000.

Signed Letter

Testifying on the delivery of the vessel, the plaintiff said shortly before 9 a.m. on January 7, 1950, with a letter of introduction from the defendant company he boarded the Lady Wolmer and saw the captain of the vessel. The captain gave him a letter upon which he signed. He then gave instructions to the captain to load certain cargoes on board for Tientsin.

The plaintiff said he operated the vessel until October, 1950. The operation was, however, not successful. The vessel was bombarded by airplanes and man-of-war from Formosa while attempting to enter Swatow and suffered damage from machine-guns.

He said he had paid two instalments as he had then insufficient money to meet these instalments. He said that he had spent too much overhead charges on account of the vessel, as he had to pay double the wages for crew members on board a British vessel going to the China mainland.

The insurance rate, he said, was then three per cent more than the present day one, and he had also had to pay for repairs for the damage caused during the bombardment "all Swatow at his own expense at

first, though he could recover the money later from the insurance company.

In early October, 1950, he met Mr Horman-Fisher in the latter's office. During the conversation, Mr Horman-Fisher allegedly told the plaintiff that he, the plaintiff, was not "a good shipping man," and that he did not know how to operate the ship. Mr Horman-Fisher also allegedly said "Everybody makes money now. Why don't you? You'd better give the ship back to me to operate for you. I am sure within 20 months, I'll pay all your debts for my company. Might have some profit."

Did Not Agree

The plaintiff said he did not agree to the suggestion at first as he had lost so much in business operating the vessel. He said he was up the vessel it would mean bankruptcy and loss of face. He said he had also told Mr Horman-Fisher that he had a man who was prepared to put up money as capital to form a limited company and that this man could only provide the money by the end of October that year.

He said Mr Horman-Fisher had also suggested that he was to be the plaintiff's agent in operating the vessel, and that he could offset the profit against the debt plaintiff had owned the defendant company. Plaintiff said Mr Horman-Fisher had also suggested that a certain shipping company was either to have the vessel or to operate the company with the defendant company.

Plaintiff said he objected to the idea as the particular shipping company Mr Horman-Fisher had mentioned was a Chinese company and was therefore his competitor.

No Alternative

The plaintiff said he at first did not agree to Mr Horman-Fisher's idea but finally he had "no alternative but to agree."

The vessel was taken back by the defendant company on October 20 that year, plaintiff said.

Hearing is continuing.

MERCHANT ON DRUG CHARGE

A 30-year-old Indian merchant, Mohindra Verma, of 11 B.I. Macdonnell Road, and a 35-year-old unemployed man, Pui Saling, of 173 Wing Lok Street, second floor, appeared before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of conspiracy to deal in dangerous drugs—raw opium.

First defendant is also the proprietor of the Associated Enterprises, Room 306 Hing Fat House, of 8 Duddell Street.

It is alleged that both defendants conspired together with others not in custody to deal in dangerous drugs—raw opium between February 15 and 22.

Detective Sub-Inspector G. J. Hiddell opposed bail on the grounds that the prosecution required time for further investigations into the case and that there might be other charges preferred against the defendants.

Mr A. El Arcauli, of A. el Arcauli and Co., is representing the first defendant.

Both defendants are remanded in Police custody until Thursday. No pleas were taken.

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From the Files

25 years AGO

THE most fortunate men who tried their luck in the present annual race meeting are undoubtedly Sgt. B. Britton and Sgt. W. S. Dail, two members of the Hongkong Traffic Police. This is the record they have achieved within the period of a year—First prizes of \$2,000 and \$2,515; second prizes of \$1,344 and \$988 and another first prize of \$3,000 shared with two others. Whilst on the first and second days of the present meeting, they have secured two first prizes of \$1,833 and \$2,012 respectively, on through ticket No. 394.

The Listeners' Club reports: One evening last week, KCBL Shanghai put over an SOS stating that the front door of a certain well-known radio establishment on Nanking Road had been inadvertently left open. As a result, several listeners went along to the store and mounted guard until the proprietor came along with the key.

MR O'Sheahan, Secretary to the Irish Hospitals Sweepstake, has sent the following cable to the Singapore Free Press:—The following prize, won in the Irish Sweepstake on the Cesarewitch in October last, is still unclaimed. The auditor made every effort to get into touch with the winner but can get no reply. If the prize is not claimed by April 7, it becomes forfeit to the hospitals fund. The prize is £100 and the ticket number is BC39868 and the winner is H. Bartos, Mili, Sarawak, via Singapore.

Position Wanted.—\$500 to \$1,000 offered to anyone assisting an American, aged 23, to secure position in any capacity (outdoor preferable) at any salary. Write Box...

A YOUNG woman of 17, named Kinu Owari, in the city of Choshi, Japan, held her charity, so dear that she left her home, decked in her wedding dress, on the night of the 14th instant when the wedding ceremony was to take place. A letter left behind spoke of her strong desire to retain her virginity as the reason for her conduct. The astonishing family immediately communicated with the local police which are instituting a search for the missing bride-to-be. As there are indications of her having gone to Tokyo, the Metropolitan Police are asked to join in the search.

Lammert Brothers advertised.—Sale by public auction, on Monday, February 27, 140 lbs of red caviar.

KIYOSHI Tanabe, a young man of 31, who gained much notoriety as "Chimney Sitter the First," was found drowned near a police-box at Shin Yamashita bridge at Nakaku, Yokohama. He has apparently been dead for a month. During the Fuji Spinning Co. dispute at Kawasaki in 1930, near Tokyo, this man climbed up the high chimney of the factory unnoticed, about 130 feet high, and refused to come down until and unless the company acceded to the workers' demands. He remained on the chimney for 130 hours and 20 minutes. His novel demonstration was successful, for the dispute was settled to the satisfaction of the strikers. He was, however, sentenced to three months' imprisonment with stay of execution of sentence for three years. Whether this was a case of suicide or of death by accident is not known.

London.—In the House of Commons today (February 22) the Colonial Secretary informed Mr. Lunn that under the system of mutual aid, the number on the Hongkong register in November, 1951, was 3,017. Registration ceased in 1950 and since then mutual aid had been an illegal status. It was now that of domestic workers.

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